

FOR THE BUSY READER.

Pointed Items Chronicling the Week's Happenings.

PRESS DISPATCHES BOILED DOWN

The Record of Crimes, Accidents and Other Matters of General Interest Given in Few Words For the Benefit of Those Who Are In a Hurry.

Slow collection created a financial stringency that compelled the Jamestown Sunday Sun to suspend publication.

Being sea commission formally announced there will be no adjournment to San Francisco and completed taking evidence at Victoria, B. C.

The power plant of the Scranton (Pa.) Illuminating Heat and Power company was burned. The building, valued at \$12,000, was ruined, and of the contents, valued at \$70,000, only the boilers and two engines, valued at \$16,000, were saved; insurance, \$35,000.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Howard Smith, a pioneer couple of Gouverneur, N. Y., celebrated the 71st anniversary of their marriage at their home. They have lived in this village since 1831. They have four children, all sons.

The emigration office, at London, acting upon information furnished by A. Van Sittart, British consul at Chicago, has issued a warning advising Englishmen against emigrating to South Dakota under conditions involving payments to colonizing agents or companies.

Chief Officer Wardlaw of the Cunard line steamship Sevia, died of heart disease on the voyage.

F. S. Evans, the general manager of the Canadian Typographic company, whose plant is located in Windsor, Ontario, has just notified those among his employees who are Americans that in the event of the alien labor bill becoming law they must at once move over to Windsor or forfeit their positions.

At the Geneva, N. Y., annual municipal election Republican candidates for mayor, collector and treasurer and three aldermen were elected. The Democrats elected clerk and assessor. The proposed city charter was carried by a majority of 458.

At the Strand theater, London, Mr. Henry E. Abbey appeared before a very large audience at the new play, "The Prodigal Father." She was distinctly successful. The play is bright and has in it elements of success.

The reported elopement of Princess Louise, the oldest daughter of King Leopold of Belgium, and wife of Prince Philippe of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, brother of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, is officially denied.

The crew of the Norwegian bark Atlanta was landed at Liverpool. Their vessel was abandoned in a sinking condition on Jan. 23, while bound from Wilmington, N. C., for London.

Mrs. Albert Szalacha of Chicago was asphyxiated by coal gas. Her husband was also overcome, and although still alive, there is no hope for his recovery. The gas escaped from a small coal stove in the corner of their bedroom.

Bishop Henry C. Potter, Mayor Strong and William C. Whitney are among the directors of the Tree Planting association of New York, organized to promote the planting of trees in New York city and protect the same.

More than 1,000 policemen, firemen and school teachers in Jersey City who should have been paid were not. The city treasurer, attempting to open the safe, discovered the lock and dynamite will be used to open it.

A report from Frauenfeld, Switzerland, announces the death at that place of M. Martin, the inventor of the Martini rifle.

Orin Robbins, the student who jumped from the dormitory window of the Lima (N. Y.) seminary at the fire, is dead.

Sir Thomas Spencer Wells, Bart, M. D., died at Cannes, France. He was the eldest son of the late Mr. Wells of St. Albans, Hertsfordshire, his mother being Harriette, daughter of the late Mr. Wright of Richmond, Surrey. He was born in 1818 at St. Albans.

The famine fund of the Montreal Daily Star has reached \$30,000 and is still growing. This is the biggest amount ever subscribed to any public fund in Canada.

William Brown, negro, was seriously stabbed in the left side by William Lane, also a negro, at Newburg, N. Y. The men quarreled over a young white woman named Jessie Lyons. Lane escaped.

George Gordon Battle, Bartow S. Weeks and Forbes J. Hennessy, assistant district attorneys of New York city, sent in their resignations to District Attorney O'Connell, to take effect March 1.

Cornelius Vanderbilt has sent a letter to General Miles, chairman of the pension committee for the inaugural ball, politely declining renewed membership on the reception committee. The declination is due to Mr. Vanderbilt's health.

Countess Cowley was granted a decree of divorce from her husband, Earl Cowley, in the divorce division of the high court of justice at London, on the grounds of desertion and adultery.

Bénon de Souleyran, the well-known deputy, died in Paris.

The Meunier (Wis.) high school and Stout manual training school was destroyed by fire.

Attorney General and Mrs. Harmon were host and hostess at a dinner in honor of President and Mrs. Cleveland. The other guests were the members of the cabinet and ladies.

Wilkinson & Haws, straw goods manufacturers of Milford, Mass., have assigned to Judge Lovell E. Fales.

At Orillia, Ont., Premier Laurier for the first time definitely stated the present government's platform, "Better trade relations with the United States," and expressed his willingness to stand or fall with it.

The Ontario County Guaranty Trust and Safe Deposit company of Westchester, Pa., has suspended business.

The Pennsylvania Lead company of Pittsburgh goes into the hands of trustees. Liability, \$1,400,000.

Samuel Van Winkle was found hanging as a suicide in his tailor shop on Broad street, Philadelphia, N. Y. He was nearly 30 years old, and of intemperate habits. This was his third attempt at self-destruction.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

Brief Notes Chronicling All Events of Interest at the Capitol.

The house passed the Indian appropriation bill and entered upon the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill, but all interest in these two measures was overshadowed by the very remarkable speeches, one made by Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, attacking ex-Governor Altgeld of Illinois, and the other by Mr. Dearmond of Missouri, heaping ridicule on Secretary Morton for the recent issue of a pamphlet entitled "The Farmers Interest in Finance."

Mr. Dearmond was very personal in his allusions to Mr. Altgeld, laying at his door much grave responsibility for the result of the election. He analyzed the Ohio vote and explained the causes of its increase, calling attention to the fact that the Democratic vote in the state had increased proportionately much more than the Republican.

Mr. Dearmond replied very briefly to Mr. Grosvenor, but it was his subsequent attack on Secretary Morton which created the sensation.

Mr. Dearmond is a Democrat, an ardent advocate of silver, and therefore his attack on a Democratic cabinet official who has been most active on the gold side excited less surprise than it otherwise would have done.

Senator Hoar's speech in the senate attracted a great deal of attention and was one of the most noteworthy utterances of the veteran senator made in recent years. He spoke of his observations in Europe during last summer, his agreeable discussion with M. Melne and M. Bonerrouin in Paris and Mr. Balfour in London on the advance of bimetalism.

Mr. Hoar expressed the conviction that the four great nations—the United States, Great Britain, France and Germany—were fast and inevitably tending toward a bimetallic agreement.

A special order was presented in the house by Mr. Henderson from the committee on rules to permit the house to pass a rider on the District of Columbia appropriation bill, an amendment for the repeal of a bill passed in the closing hours of the last congress, which permitted claims against the district for contract work under the old territorial form of government of the district to be passed upon by the court of claims.

Mr. Morgan, in charge of the Nicaragua canal bill, has accepted two amendments proposed by Mr. Tuller, viz. That a complete survey of the canal route shall be submitted to the president and approved before any bonds are guaranteed or work done; also, that if the survey shows that the cost will exceed \$10,000,000, nothing shall be done without the authority of congress.

WILL ARBITRATE

Boundary Treaty Signed by England and Venezuela.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A representative of the respective governments, Sir Julian Paunouffe, the British ambassador, and Senator Jose Andrade, the Venezuelan minister to Washington, signed a treaty providing for the settlement by arbitration of the long standing dispute over the boundary between Venezuela and British Guiana, which has not only ruptured the relations between the principals and kept them apart diplomatically for years, but has threatened to involve the two great English speaking nations in hostilities.

The treaty was really complete several days ago so far as all of the details were concerned, except the insertion of one name. Word came over the cable that Justice Collins had been appointed the second member of the British tribunal and that his appointment had been ratified by the privy council.

The signatures were written with a special pen, a beautiful gold holder and nib, tipped with an eagle feather and ornamented with a gold heart studded with diamonds. This was sent from Venezuela for the purpose and will be the property of Senator Andrade, brother of the minister.

PUBLIC DEBT

Increase For Month of January Amounts to \$14,078,753.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The statement of the public debt issued shows the debt, less cash in the treasury on Jan. 31, to have been \$1,007,068,317, an increase for the month of \$11,708,753. This increase is accounted for by a decrease of nearly \$13,000,000 in the cash on hand. The decrease in the cash is the result of the redemption of \$9,558,000 in matured Pacific railroad bonds, which will be held as a debt against the company, and the interest payments for the month, which amounted to \$784,033.

The debt proper, independent of the cash on hand, was increased during the month by \$3,120,776, which is chargeable to the increase in the amount of National bank notes outstanding.

Oswego Street Railway's Trouble.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Attorney S. M. Oon for the Knickerbocker Trust company of New York, has commenced an action to foreclose the trust mortgage under which the first bonds of \$125,000 of the Oswego street railway were issued in 1891. Failure to pay the semi-annual interest and county taxes, permitting liens to be filed against the company and numerous minor omissions are the cause assigned.

Saved the Crew.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The steamer Jason which arrived from Jamaica ports, picked up the crew of the dismasted and sinking schooner Mary Sprague, on Jan. 28, near Crooked Island passage and brought them to this port. The schooner was bound from Demarara for Philadelphia.

Funeral of George Roberts.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—All that is mortal of George B. Roberts, late president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, was placed in the family vault in Laurel Hill cemetery. Three funeral services were held over Mr. Roberts' remains.

Cable Car Collision.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A southbound Lexington avenue cable car collided with a northbound Broadway car at Twenty-third street. Six persons were injured, but none seriously.

Fugue Committed Suicide.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Giltman Marston Fague, a young real estate and insurance broker and a club man, committed suicide at his home here by shooting himself in the head. No cause is known. He leaves a wife.

Epileptic Symptoms Returning.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Dispatches announce that the epileptic symptoms which marked the youth of the czar are returning.

CABINET PORTFOLIOS.

Five Positions Have Been Definitely Filled.

THREE VACANCIES TO BE FILLED

John D. Long of Massachusetts to be Secretary of War, and James Wilson of Iowa for Secretary of Agriculture, the appointments.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Five places have now been definitely filled in President McKinley's cabinet. Ex-Governor John D. Long of Massachusetts has announced his acceptance of the position of secretary of the navy, and ex-Congressman James Wilson of Iowa has accepted the agricultural portfolio. Both announcements were made in letters to their congressional colleagues here. This leaves the cabinet up to date as follows:

Secretary of State—John Sherman of Ohio.

Secretary of the Treasury—Lyman J. Gage of Illinois.

Secretary of War—General R. A. Alger of Michigan.

Secretary of the Navy—John D. Long of Massachusetts.

Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson of Iowa.

The remaining positions to be filled are Attorney general, postmaster general, secretary of the interior.

John Davis Long was born in Buckfield, Me., Oct. 27, 1828. He was graduated at Harvard in 1847, taught till 1850, studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1851, practiced in Buckfield and settled in Boston in 1852. In 1859 he removed to Hingham, but retained his office in Boston. He was a member of the Massachusetts house of representatives in 1875-76 and served the last three years as its speaker. In 1879 he was lieutenant governor and governor in 1882-83. He was elected as a Republican to the Fifty-fourth, Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth congresses. Governor Long published a translation of Virgil's Aeneid in 1879.

James Wilson was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, Aug. 16, 1855, came to America in 1881, received a liberal education, became a farmer, was a member of the Iowa state legislature from 1887 to 1879, and speaker of two sessions, was a regent of the state university, was elected to the Forty-third and Forty-fourth congresses, serving in committees on agriculture and war claims, was also elected to the Forty-eighth congress. He has always been interested in agricultural pursuits and is now director of an agricultural experiment station in Iowa.

MCKINLEY'S VISITORS.

J. Addison Porter of Connecticut Will Be Private Secretary.

CANTON, O., Feb. 3.—J. Addison Porter, editor of the Hartford (Conn.) Evening Post, had a long audience and later took lunch and had a consultation with Major McKinley. He will become Major McKinley's private secretary.

Mr. Porter is 41 years old, a man of means and of high standing, both at home and in political circles. He was one of the original McKinley men of New England, and a prominent McKinley leader before and at the St. Louis convention.

Ex-Governor Cornell of New York remained at the McKinley house until late, but is not disposed to talk of the object of his call.

Hugh McMillen Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 3.—A special from Ventura, Cal., states that Hugh McMillen, agent for the Western Transit company at Chicago, was drowned in the sea in Santa Paula creek. He was driving to Santa Paula where he intended to take the train for Chicago. Santa Paula creek has a quicksand bed and recent rains had made fording the stream dangerous. The carriage was overturned in the middle of the stream, and though the driver escaped, he was unable to render any assistance to Mr. McMillen. The body was recovered.

Raised the Quarantine.

BUFFALO, Feb. 2.—The new quarantine regulations arranged between the United States and Canada went into effect Monday. Under the new rules Canadian cattle are admitted into this country without having to undergo a 10 days quarantine, as was previously the case. The Canadian dealers were not slow to take advantage of the new order of things, fully 25 car loads of Canadian cattle arriving at the yards in this city.

Pay to Be Superintendent.

ALBANY, Feb. 3.—Governor Black has sent to the senate the nomination of Louis F. Payn to be superintendent of insurance. It was referred to the insurance committee of the senate.

Rehearing Denied Duestrow.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 3.—The supreme court overruled the motion for a rehearing in the case of Arthur Duestrow, the St. Louis millionaire and murderer. He is to be hung Feb. 18.

Rawlins Elected Senator.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Feb. 4.—J. L. Rawlins has been elected United States senator. Vote: Rawlins, 33; Thatcher, 28; Henderson, 1; Brown, 1.

Lou Payn Confirmed.

ALBANY, Feb. 3.—Louis F. Payn's nomination for state superintendent of insurance was confirmed by the senate. The vote stood 37 to 20.

An Inquiry.

"Tell me this," he softly murmured, "do you love me true?" And she answered, shyly blushing: "Love you? Yes, I do!" Turning then his gaze upon her, solemnly and low, "Thanks," he murmured solemnly. "I only wished to know."—Town Topics.

Son by Adoption.

"What do you mean, sir," roared the irate father, "by bringing your trunk to my house and ordering a room?" "I'm adopted as one of the family," coolly answered the young man. "Your daughter said she would be a sister to me."—Detroit Free Press.

The Book of Universal Scope.

Perry Pattetic—I hear that soap is even mentioned in the Bible. Wayworn Watson—Why not? They is bad things spoken of in the Bible just the same as they is good.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

DESTRUCTIVE CONFLAGRATIONS.

Fire in Hoboken, N. J., Causes the Death of seven Persons.

New York, Feb. 3.—Two fires occurred in Hoboken, N. J., which resulted in the loss of seven lives. Many poor people were made homeless and even had narrow escapes for their lives. The fires occurred in different parts of the city, and one of them, at least, is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

The first fire started in the 3-story frame building at 410 Newark street. There a mother and five children lost their lives.

Hardly had this fire been put out than the men were compelled to hasten to fourteenth street, where fire had got on foot of the building at 157. Within a few minutes after the outbreak the entire house was a mass of flames and men, women and children appeared at the windows in their night clothes and called for help.

They were met by a wave of flame and driven back into their rooms. Eventually, and by the use of ladders from an adjacent house, all were taken out except the child Violet. She had been lifted to the roof, but on taking hold of the edge of the scuttle hole found it was hot and let her grasp. She fell to the narrow landing at the head of the stairs and rolled down into the furnace beneath. One of the other children was severely burned and was sent to St. Mary's hospital.

CRUISER BROOKLYN WRECKED.

struck a Sunken Rock in the Delaware River and Nearly Sank.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—The United States cruiser Brooklyn, the latest pride of a fleet, was nearly wrecked in the Delaware river on account of a narrow ledge of sunken rock in the Delaware river about Marcus Hook, Pa., on which she struck early.

The lower deck compartments forward were completely stove in and it was only by the merest good fortune that the big vessel did not sink. This would undoubtedly have been the result had not her iron compartments successfully withstood the shock.

As it was she was pulled clear of the rock and is now tied to the big stone breakers at Marcus Hook, protected from the heavy sea forces in the river.

The big vessel is seriously damaged and it is impossible to say when she will go into active service. At present she is in no danger of further damage, being fully protected in the safe anchorage afforded by the breakers. How the accident occurred cannot yet be established by a court of inquiry, and this Captain Cook of the Brooklyn has already asked for.

GUilty ONE ESCAPES.

Senior Class Offers to Pay For All Damages Done.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Ever since the burning of the post-office on Cornell campus by students, the university authorities have been endeavoring to discover the guilty one, but without success. To avoid further controversy the members of the senior class communicated with the trustees of the university, announcing their willingness to make reparation. The trustees accepted the following resolution on Monday.

Resolved, That we accept on the many course taken by the students, yet deem it expedient to pay for the actual damage to the post-office of \$1,450.

This was probably the matter and accordingly no expulsions will follow.

JOHNSTON FOUND GUILTY

Shot by Henry and Turned the Gun on His Own Wife.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, Pa., Feb. 1.—Dr. Thomas L. Johnston, who shot and killed Henry and turned the gun on his own wife, was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Dr. Johnston's crime was a deliberate one. He called Dr. Henry into his office and then calling Mrs. Johnston, accused the couple of being too intimate. Before either had time to reply to the accusation Johnston shot Henry and then turned the weapon on his wife, wounding her severely.

Fall River Mills on Short Time.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 4.—The large majority of Fall River cotton mills, which are represented in the agreement to curtail production will shut down on Thursday night of each week beginning today, and will not resume until the following Monday morning, thus making the running time 42 hours per week. Some of the mills, however, are so situated because of their contracts, that this plan will be impossible and other methods will prevail. The Cornell mill is one that will not follow the general rule, but will run on full time for a few weeks and will then stop a full week at a time.

Our War Strength.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The secretary of war's statement of the militia force of the United States for the year 1898, according to the latest returns, are: Grand total of all arms of the service is 115,827, and the number of men available for military duty (unorganized) 10,149,104. Larger arms of the service are given as follows: Infantry, 109,488; cavalry, 4,700; light battery, 4,569.

Mrs. Carew Sentenced For Life.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to The Times from Yokohama announces that the British minister to Japan, Sir E. M. Satow, has commuted the death sentence of Mrs. Carew, charged with causing the death of her husband, Walter Raymond Halliwell Carew, secretary of the Yokohama United club, by the administration of arsenic, into a sentence of imprisonment for life.

Murderer Palmer Returning.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—John R. Breeze, deputy sheriff of Westchester county, N. Y., left for home having in custody Arthur Palmer, who is charged with the murder of his mother, brother and sister, near Larchmont, N. Y.

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Calendar for February 1897 showing days of the week and dates.

Refuses to Take Out a License.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The Kingston club, of which Judge Claesinger is president, refused to take out a liquor tax certificate under the new excise law, on the ground that it would then be required to sell liquor to all applicants like any saloon, and because, it is claimed, under the recent court of appeals decision the law does not apply to such clubs.

Freeman Sentenced For Seven Years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Walter K. Freeman, the electrician, who was convicted on Monday of having assaulted Sarah Work in January, 1894, was sentenced by Justice Smith in the criminal branch of the supreme court to seven years and nine months in state prison. Freeman took the sentence coolly and smiled as he was led out of the courtroom.

Could Not Identify the Man.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Edward Mason of Albany was arrested here charged with complicity in the daring Fulton and Lamont burglaries near this city a short time since. He could not be identified as the guilty person after being brought to this city and he was sent back to Albany.

Strike May Be Settled.

SPRING HILL, N. S., Feb. 4.—Negotiations looking to the settlement of the coal miners' strike here are again in progress and it is believed they will be successful. The men have been out about 31 days.

IMPRISONED FOR LIFE.

Julio Sangullity, American Citizen, Sentenced by Spaniards.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Julio Sangullity, a citizen of the United States, who has been condemned by the Spanish authorities to perpetual imprisonment in chains in Cuba, was the subject of a letter and correspondence sent by the president to the senate.

The secretary of state says that representations have been made to the Spanish government, which, it is believed, will not be without effect, that the case seems to be one in which executive clemency may be reasonably exercised.

After some correspondence the case of Sangullity and Aguirre were transferred to civil jurisdiction and the delay in their trial was attributed to their nationality and after many efforts to have Sangullity's case come to trial, the secretary of state, on Sept. 3 last, demanded his immediate trial or release.

Aguirre was released and Sangullity sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Counsel General Lee visited Sangullity and suggested to the state department that the Madrid government be notified of the facts, and a request presented that Sangullity be released from prison on condition that he will not return until the present war has closed.

Cubans Capture Supply Train.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—A special from Key West says: On Friday one of General Weiler's supply trains was dynamited on the railroad near Cleve, north of Clefingrove. Two bombs were exploded under the engine and four men on the train, being fired by electricity as the train was crossing a trestle.

The engine was blown apart and all the cars were splintered. They rolled over the trestle into the ditch, the fall completing what the dynamite had left undone.

Out of the guard of 100 soldiers on it, 45 were instantly killed or terribly injured. The others surrendered as a force of 200 Cubans appeared.

Imprisoned Miners Released.

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 4.—Fire in No. 8 shaft, Tamarcok mine, has been extinguished. William and Antoine Tomczak, who succeeded in reaching the cable, which was kept running, and reached the surface safely. They had tapped the air pipe and escaped suffocation by liberal use of compressed air. Peter and John Lempe, the last of the imprisoned miners, were rescued later. There is still much smoke and gas in the mine, but the fire is evidently extinguished.

Would Not Stand a Cut.

TONAWANDA, N. Y., Feb. 2.—Six hundred men quit work in the canal improvement contract here. The work is being carried on by sub-contractors, and the announcement was made of a cut of 25 cents a day in wages. The men had been receiving \$1.50 per day, and declared they would not stand a cut. A few returned to work, but the great majority quit. There was no disorderly conduct on the part of the strikers.

Wedding of J. J. McGraw.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4.—The wedding of J. J. McGraw, third baseman of the Baltimore Baseball club, and Miss Minnie E. Doyle took place at St. Vincent's Catholic church. Hugh Jennings acted as best man for Mr. McGraw, and Joseph J. Kelly and William H. Keeler, also of the Big Four, officiated as ushers. The church was thronged with friends of the couple and a host of "rooters." Mr. and Mrs. McGraw left for a trip north.

Blaze in Amsterdam.

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., Feb. 4.—The handsome Arnold block, on East Main street, was destroyed by fire causing a loss of \$70,000. The fire extended to the Yund and Parr blocks, which were badly damaged.

Secret Societies in China.

Throughout the long course of Chinese history the existence of these hai, or secret associations, has been recognized and recorded. At various times they have adopted different titles. We read of the White Lily sect, the Yellow Caps, the Society of Heaven, Earth and Man, the Triad society, the Hung league and the Koloi hai and countless other associations. More often than not these bodies have been started as benevolent societies, but almost invariably—certainly in the cases of those we have named—the philanthropic zeal of the founders has degenerated into political fanaticism. Some of the greatest political changes in the empire have been due to their action. The Mongol dynasty, established by Genghis Khan and his followers, mainly owed its downfall to the energetic action of the Hung league, and it is beyond question that had it not been for the support that we gave to the government of China in its struggle with the T'ai Pings, who trace their origin to the same secret society, the present Manchoo dynasty would have shared the fate of the Mongol emperors.

Only Half Shot.

"Here is a snap shot of some of the people we saw." "Incomplete, isn't it? The people look half shot."—Detroit Journal.

A New Version.

Teacher—Why did Delilah cut off Samson's hair? Scholar—She didn't want him to play football.—Town Topics.

Before and After.

With a wardrobe that is jaunty and a traveling bag brand new. He is smiling in satisfaction as he grante an interview. His name is very knowing, and his every glance implies that his ship has just been sighted, that his star is on the rise. He instructs you in the management of government affairs. And you feel that he is worthy of an office and his cards.

You wonder what exalted post 'twill be his lot to gain. He is on his way to Canton, and he's waiting for the train. A few days later he appears. He looks a little dazed. The traveling bag seems smaller than it was when last you gazed. When you strive for conversation, he has little more to say. Than: "Young man, beware of politics. It really doesn't pay." He's not at all his jovial self when stoutly he declares, "My time must be devoted to my personal affairs."

There is something in his manner that provokes a thrill of pain.—This man who's went to Canton and has just got home of it.—Washington Star.

The Myrtle.