PEN PORTRAITS OF NOTED PEOPLE

Representative Butler Ames, Who Would Be a Senator.

Representative Butler Ames, who recently announced his candidacy to succeed Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, is serving his fourth term as a member of the lower house of congress.

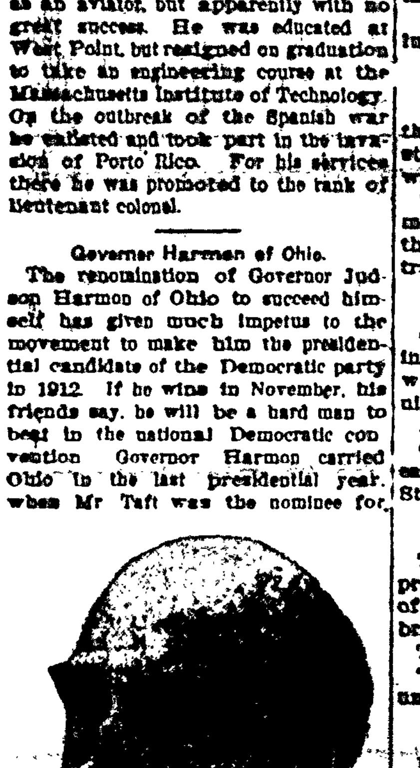
In his announcement he says that he offers himself as a candidate, "having tried in vain to induce some one else to lead the fight against Boss Lodge and his political machine." Continuing, Mr. Ames says of the senator:

"With all his gifts and opportunities he has made such use of them that his continuance in public life depends not upon his service to the people of his state, but to a political machine. This machine is used as a club for the individual of independent thought and action, while it serves as a willing tool to those of wealth or influence and power seeking undue favors."

Congressman Ames is a native of Massachusetts, thirty-nine years old, and is a grandson of the late Benjamin F. Butler. He has won distinction in the varied fields of politics, warfare, engineering and as an inventor. A couple of years ago he tried his wings as an aviator, but apparently with no great success. He was educated at West Point, but resigned on graduation to take an engineering course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. On the outbreak of the Spanish war he enlisted and took part in the invasion of Porto Rico. For his services there he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Governor Harmon of Ohio.

The renomination of Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio to succeed himself has given much impetus to the movement to make him the presidential candidate of the Democratic party in 1912. If he wins in November, his friends say, he will be a hard man to beat in the national Democratic convention. Governor Harmon carried Ohio in the last presidential year, when Mr. Taft was the nominee for



JUDSON HARMON.

the office he now holds, both winning at the polls by pronounced majorities. The Buckeye State in that election presented the somewhat anomalous attitude of favoring the Republican candidate for the presidency and the Democratic candidate for governor.

Governor Harmon is a native of Ohio and is sixty-four years old. He was graduated from Denison college in 1866 and from the old Cincinnati Law school three years later. Twice elected judge of the superior court of Hamilton county, he resigned from the bench in 1887 before the expiration of his second term.

In June, 1895, Mr. Harmon was appointed attorney general of the United States by President Cleveland. William H. Taft, then a judge, was toastmaster at a banquet tendered Mr. Harmon by the Hamilton County Bar association and paid him this tribute:

"We are here because we know that he is eminently qualified to discharge the duties of his office with unbounded credit to his country, the administration, to us, his friends, and to himself."

HUMOROUS QUIPS.

The Small Town Lochinvar.

Oh, young Lochinvar has come back from the east!
His hat is turned up, and his trousers are creased.
Like the stars of the morning his shoes are resplendent,
And his coat from his trousers is quite independent.
No matinee idol or vaudeville star
Was e'er decorated like young Lochinvar.

We sent him to school in a ready made suit.
The girls of the village pronounced him quite cute.
But now he is wearing a horse blanket vest,
And a barber pole shirt is surrounding his chest.
He frightened the team when he stepped from the car,
For the town had seen nothing like young Lochinvar.

He's wearing the pin of the Alpha Phi Delt.
Twelve colors run riot the length of his belt.
His hair is brushed back in a doormat design,
And a pair of near diamonds effulgently shine.
Of this town's attractions the greatest by far
Is the sis-boom-ah raiment of young Lochinvar.

—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

The Former Charge.

A darky was brought before Judge Hynds recently for vagrancy. The judge recognized his face as one he had seen before.

"What is your name?" asked the judge.

"Moses Quick," answered the darky.

"You have been up here before, haven't you, Moses?"

"Yas, sah."

"What was the charge?"

Moses stopped and reflected. Then, without fear or hesitation, he answered, "Seben dollahs an' six bits, yo honoh, as neah as I can recollec'."

Sentence has been suspended.—Laramie (Wyo.) Boomerang.

The Absentminded Scotchman.

The Scotchman could not find his ticket. On the conductor's second round it was still missing. "What's that in your mouth?" he asked. Sure enough, there was the missing ticket. The conductor punched it and went his way. "Ah, weel," said Sandy in reply to his fellow passengers' banter, "I'm nae sae absentminded as ye wad think. Yon was a vera auld ticket, an' I was jist sackin' aff the date."—Success Magazine.

The Killers.

Brady (referring to increased cost of living)—Faith, it's hard to live nowadays, Stephen.

Grady—'Tis that, Jawn, as I read somewhere that the manyfacturers ixpect to sell twice as many this year as they did lasht.

Brady (bewildered)—What are ye talkin' about, anyway?

Grady—Auttymobiles, iv coorse!—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Southern Travel.

"Does that mark on the time table that looks like a hera denote a flag station?" asked the man at the railway ticket office window.

"No," replied the ticket seller; "that means that the train usually stops there because there is a cow on the track!"—Yonkers Statesman.

An Unusual Occurrence.

Owlett—I had an awful time thinking up an excuse to give my wife when I got home from the club last night.

Ascum—Did she demand one?

Owlett—Of course I got home so early it piqued her curiosity.—Catholic Standard and Times.

A Question of Pronunciation.

Two little girls were discussing the pronunciation of a certain word. One of them quoted "Webster on the bridge" as her authority.

The other scornfully replied:

"On the bridge! H'm! It's Webster under the bridge."—Harper's Weekly.

Mercenary.

Elsie (aged seven)—Ma, I want a nickel.

Mother—What for, dear?

Elsie—I asked Willie Jones to play we're getting married, and he says he won't do it unless I have a dowry.—Boston Transcript.

The Tourist's Method.

"Brown is like the rest of the tourists."

"Why so?"

"He spent three weeks in Europe and three years boasting about it afterward."—Detroit Free Press.

Then He'd Get His.

Mrs. Peckem—Henry, what punishment should be meted out to a man who proposes to a woman and then refuses to marry her?

Peckem—He should be compelled to marry her.—Chicago News.

A Great Event.

Frost—Did you have a hard time getting theater seats?

Snow—Yes, indeed. When I finally secured two I had it announced in all the society columns.—New York Times.

Her Estimate of Books.

"What books have helped you most?"

"I don't rely on any books," replied Mrs. Trumper. "There are some good bridge whist manuals, but experience is the best teacher."—Washington Star.

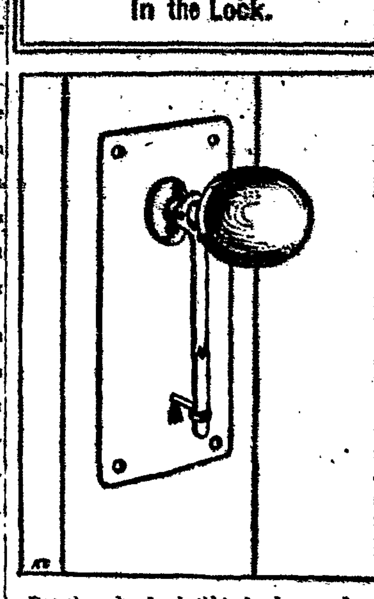
Cruel Comeback.

"I'm doing my best to get ahead."

"Well, heaven knows you need one," [illegible]—Toledo Blade.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Device to Keep the Key Fast In the Lock.



People who lock their bedroom doors to keep burglars out do not always feel safe then. Expert knights of the jimmy have a way of pushing the key out from the outside and picking the lock. To frustrate their efforts in this direction a Washington man has designed a key fastener, which is as much protection as a big iron bar. This fastener is a thin but strong metal strip in two parts, the lower part shorter than the upper, and attached to the latter pivotally. The upper section, too, is made to fit over the handle of the door, so that when it hangs down the lower section passes through the ring of the key and not only prevents the latter from being pushed out from the outside, but from being turned except from the inside. From the room side of the door, however, the key will turn as easily as if there was no bar through it, the short section of the fastener moving readily with the movement of the key, and by turning the latter to one side the fastener may be easily withdrawn.

Fillets of Haddock.

Separate one or more fish into fillets. Remove the skin by passing the knife under the fillets so as to detach the tail end of the skin from the fish, then take a firm hold of the piece of detached skin and, inserting the knife with the edge of the blade turned toward you, draw the skin toward you and keep moving the blade firmly against the skin. Having removed the skin, trim the fillets neatly, cutting off all rough edges, and place them in a basin with two sliced onions, some sprigs of parsley, oil and lemon juice, seasoning with salt and pepper. About ten minutes before dinner drain the fish on a napkin, dip each fillet in a light batter and fry to a golden brown in deep fat. Drain on coarse paper to absorb the grease. Serve with any fish sauce.

Ivory Jelly.

Ivory jelly is a good summer dessert. To make it requires one ounce of gelatin, one-half cupful of cold water, one cupful of hot milk, two-thirds of a cupful of sugar, one and one-half cupfuls of double cream, one teaspoonful of vanilla extract and a pinch of salt. Soak the gelatin in cold water and dissolve in the hot milk; add the salt and sugar and strain. When cool add the cream and vanilla and stir occasionally until the mixture begins to thicken, then pour into a mold. Serve with a fruit puree, chocolate sirup or cream.

Dandelion Wine.

Four quarts of crowded blossoms and four quarts of boiling water. Let it stand for twenty-four hours. Strain and squeeze. Add four pounds of sugar, the juice of two lemons, two oranges and slice two bananas. Dissolve one yeast cake in lukewarm water. (Add one pound of raisins if you like.) Put into a stone jar, let stand three weeks, stirring occasionally, then strain and bottle.

Sweet Cucumber Pickles.

For 300 cucumbers use brine to hold up an egg, pour over cucumbers and leave three days, then out of that into hot water one day. Pack pickles in jars or bottles and put tablespoonful of mixed spices into each quart jar with piece of alum as large as a dime. Use a pint of sugar to each quart of strong vinegar, heat boiling hot and pour into jars of cucumbers, spices and alum and seal.

Preserved Crab Apples.

Look over the crab apples, cutting out blossom end and any imperfections, but do not pare or stem. Wash and put into boiling sirup made of the proportion of twice as much sugar as water. Boil till tender from fifteen to twenty minutes and can boiling hot, sealing at once.

Blackberry Pudding.

One pint flour, one teaspoonful baking powder, pinch of salt; add enough milk to make a soft batter and then gently stir into it enough blackberries to suit the taste and put into a steamer and steam until done. Serve with a rich cream.

Homemade Breakfast Food.

Grind dry stale bread. Sift out the fine for breading chops, etc. Use only the coarse. Toast or brown in the oven. Serve with hot, not cold, cream or milk and sugar, and nutmeg or cinnamon if desired.

FOR THE CHILDREN

A Young Pirate.

The career of the disreputable young cuckoo is one of worldly success from his first chipping the shell to his late departure from our shores. He is born with a special contrivance in the structure of his back to enable him to hoist his foster brothers out of the nest and never rests till he has done so and made things quiet and comfortable.

The foster parents then pamper the young cuckoo with a silly infatuation, due apparently to its size and appetite. "See what a fine child we have got!" is the obvious feeling of wagtails or hedge sparrows fussing round a young cuckoo, which, though fully fledged, is too lazy to feed itself.

Even other young birds if placed in the same cage with a cuckoo soon begin to feed it. Yet after all the spoiling which it receives the cuckoo is a thoroughly ill conditioned, surly and spiteful bird. A young one which was daily fed by a thrush no older than itself, which was confined in the same cage, pecked the poor bird's eye out because it ventured to eat a worm itself.

Writing Tricks.

Can you write your name with your left hand? It is a good thing to know how in case you ever hurt your right hand.

Can you write a looking glass letter? That always amuses children, so if you have a friend who is ill send her a looking glass letter to cheer her up. Practice by writing on a piece of paper held in front of a mirror, and soon you will find it is quite easy to do looking glass writing. Looking glass writing is done backward, so that it looks all right when it is held to the mirror. Also see if you can write your name backward—that is, begin at the last stroke and go back to the first—and as a last trick try to write your name upside down. That is not at all easy, but copy your signature upside down and you will be able to do it quite well after a little practice.

After you can do all these things learn to write a good clear hand in the proper way, like a sensible person.—Chicago News.

Soap Bubbles.

If your father happens to be smoking when you are blowing soap bubbles, get him to blow some bubbles for you. He just fills his mouth with smoke and then blows an ordinary bubble with the clay pipe. The bubble will generally grow very large and will, of course, be filled with smoke. Floating in the sunshine, some of these present a very beautiful appearance.

If you want to make a very large bubble, first cover your hands well with soapsuds and then place them together in the shape of a cup, leaving a small opening at the bottom. Then hold your hands about a foot from your mouth and blow into them. The bubbles obtained in this way are so large that they immediately burst on touching the floor.—Chicago News.

Conundrums.

Why is a steam engine at a fire an anomaly? Because it works and plays at the same time.

Whose best works are most trampled on? The shoemaker's, because good shoes last longer than bad ones.

When is a boy in a pantry like a poacher? When he walks into the preserves.

Why are clergymen like brakemen? Because they do a lot of coupling.

When are two persons said to be half witted? When they have an understanding between them.

Why is a jailor like a musician? Because he fingers the keys.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Bits of Advice.

Each person is given a slip of paper and pencil. The leader then tells the players to write a bit of advice, original if possible, on the paper, fold it and drop it into a basket as it passes by.

The papers are all mixed together and the basket passed around again, each player taking one, but not opening it until called on to do so.

Before opening the papers each one must say whether the advice is good or bad, necessary or unnecessary and whether he intends to follow it or not. When the paper is unfolded and read aloud it may prove the very opposite of what he has said.

Vacation.

Hurrah! Hurrah! Vacation's come,
When lessons are all done.
And oh, how glad I am to say
I know mine every one!
I've ciphered hard and learned to add,
Subtract and multiply,
But now the season has come round
To put my ciphering by.

I've drawn the maps of every state
In our republic grand.
I've learned where rivers rise and run
And where the mountains stand.
The towns which are called capitals,
The cities large and small,
And great seaports along the coast—
I know the names of all.

I've learned about the foreign lands
And foreign people, too,
Their customs, different from ours,
And curious things they do.
And grammar's rules that vex me so
I've studied night and day
Till I am tired of book and slate
And long for rest and play.

I want to sail my little boats,
I want to catch some fish,
I want to wander in the woods
And do just what I wish.
Lessons are fine for winter days,
But now the summer sun
Is calling me on every side
To three good months of fun.

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