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BOYS IN PARLIAMENT.

Famous Men Who Began Their Careers In Their Teens.

It is contended that the British house of commons is the most widely representative body in the world, since it includes not only all social grades, from the miner and the artisan to the scions of ducal houses, but numbers among its members men of all ages, from the youth in his twenties to the veteran of eighty years.

So long ago as the year 1613 there were forty legislators in the commons who had not attained their twentieth year, and, incredible as it may seem, certain of them were only sixteen years of age.

Edmund Waller, the poet and courtier of Stuart days, was a schoolboy of sixteen when he qualified as a member of parliament. He was, as Clarendon says, "nursed in parliament," and probably was the only man that ever lived who could look back two-thirds of a century to his debut as a legislator.

Charles James Fox was only nineteen and still had a vivid and painful memory of his floggings at Eton when he was "returned" to parliament for the "pocket borough" of Milburst. He was not many weeks older when he made one of the finest "maiden speeches" ever heard at Westminster. "I hear it spoken of by everybody as a most extraordinary thing," his delighted father wrote to a friend, "and I am not a bit surprised with it."

His first speech is said to have electrified the house. His triumph was vitiated, however, by the fact that, inasmuch as he was not of age, he was liable to a heavy fine for speaking in the house.

Still more precocious was William Pitt. Although he was only sixteen at the time of his twenty-first birthday, he was sent him to parliament within a few weeks after he had seated, established himself as the keenest debater and the most eloquent speaker in the commons. His maiden speech a member of parliament is reported to have

been, "This was one of the first men in parliament." "He is so already," replied Fox.
Pitt, as everybody knows, scarcely had completed his twenty-third year when he was made chancellor of the exchequer. At twenty-four he was prime minister.—New York Press.

Cause of Her Joy.

Lord Rossmore in his reminiscences tells a little story that was related by the late Consul, duchess of Manchester. He says:

"She was a pretty, amusing woman, who was rarely guilty of saying a stupid thing. King Edward was always greatly entertained with her talents as a raconteuse. I remember hearing her tell the story of how a young American girl burst into a hotel room one day waving a letter in tremendous excitement, and shouting: 'Hooray! Hooray! Ain't it glorious?'"

"What on earth's the matter?" asked everybody. "What's glorious?" "I'm just real happy," she cried, doing a dance round the room. "Here's poppa been bitten by a mad dog, and we're off to Pasteur's in Paris in the morning. Ain't it glorious!"

The Word "Jag."

In many English country dialects the word "jag" is found. It originally meant a small load of hay, from which it came to mean a load of drink so big as to overcome one. "Jag" possesses an infinite number of meanings. The original meaning, "a load," has been extended to the journey with the load, the saddlebags which held it and the act of carrying it, while in certain districts it signifies a blither, the head of a flower, calf leather and fatigue, in addition to coinciding with "jog" and figuring in ordinary English to denote rough or "jagged" edges.

A Placid Club.

While Mrs. W. was busy in her kitchen preparing the light refreshments for her bridge club, which includes the more well to do of the neighboring country, Sally Hill, a poor farmer's child, came in with a donation of homemade pickles. "My mother belongs to a club, too," said Sally. "Does she? And what do they do? Play cards?" "No." "Sow?" "Oh, no, they just draw names out of a hat to see who'll have the next meeting."

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
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Sonora, Texas.

"really," began the collector, "I cannot understand why a man of our resources will refuse to pay his honest debts."
"Then I'll tell you," said the well-to-do citizen confidentially. "If I had my way I'd throw you and several of your kind out of work, and I haven't time to do it."—Satire.

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OVERSEA WIRELESS.
Marconi Got His First Message By Means of a Kite.

A small kite flown by a delicate copper wire brought to earth the first transatlantic wireless message. The little toy of sticks and paper served Marconi exactly as it had served Franklin to connect the earth and sky, and perhaps for as great a purpose.

Even as late as 1901 few people believed that an oversea wireless message was possible. The new science was still an experiment. Wireless messages had been transmitted for short distances, to be sure; but the Atlantic ocean seemed a hopeless barrier. A series of experiments and calculations had satisfied Marconi, however, that a new era in electricity was at hand, and with the confidence of genius he completed his preparations for the great test.

A powerful wireless station was first built at Poldhu, in south Cornwall. The world remained skeptical. When everything was ready Marconi and an assistant journeyed to America and then by train and boat to the extreme eastern shore of Nova Scotia. A slight promontory overlooking Glace bay was selected for the tests, and the kites were sent up.

To any one not in the secret these tests would have presented a rather ridiculous picture. Day after day these serious scientists watched for favorable winds and ran up and down the bleak shore flying their kites. Once the kites were aloft the wires were connected with a delicate receiving apparatus, which was attuned to the waves of the great sending station across the Atlantic. At a certain time each day the Poldhu station sent out a pre-arranged message in the Morse code. The call was the letter S repeated over and over again.

The early tests were disappointing. The receiving apparatus was much less efficient than it is today, and the elements seemed to conspire against the scientists. Finally, after many attempts, the kites flew high and steadily. The mysterious forces of the air hung balanced. At last, after so many months of preparation, the delicate wire, invisible against the sky, suddenly thrilled with the vibration of the instrument more than 2,000 miles away, and the key gave the long expected click. The S-S-S came again and again, clear, unmistakable.—Francis A. Collins in "The Wireless Man."

The Morocco Barber.

In Morocco the village barber is commonly the surgeon as well—as he was of old in Europe—and the Moors have a significant proverb which says that he practices on the orphan's head, a suggestion which might at times be capable of application nearer home. He is no artist, shaving with a rough and ready hand and cutting the hair with much the same effect as is obtained by the use of a pudding basin.

His best work is done in shaving the heads of his coreligionists, leaving only the familiar tuft without which no Barber is happy. According to the guide books this appendage is to enable the Angel Gabriel to haul the faithful into paradise, but it may in passing be mentioned that the faithful themselves are, when questioned on the subject, blissfully ignorant that such is its purpose.—London Globe.

In the Heart of London.

There is no fresh air in the heart of London, according to the conclusions of an investigator. He says: "No evidence of ozone was anywhere apparent except at Brown's wood park, in the northeast. It was from the northeast quarter the wind was blowing, and the air had lost all trace of ozone before it had reached Hyde park. At Bushey park, although practically a country district, no ozone was present in the air. London had not only abstracted the goodness out of the air that swept over it, but had added to it the exhalations from the breath and bodies of millions of human beings and of tens of thousands of animals. Persons living within a one or two mile radius of Charing Cross cannot have fresh air entering their dwellings at any time."

Jerry's Diagnosis.

Little Jerry Clancy was invited to a church picnic, and as he was a general favorite he was supplied generously with the good things that had been provided for the occasion.

Later in the day one of the ladies noticed Jerry sitting in an obscure part of the grounds and wearing an expression of much unhappiness. "Why, Jerry, what's the matter?" she asked kindly. "Haven't you had enough to eat?" "Yes'm," said the boy listlessly. "I've had enough. I feel as if I didn't want all I've got."—Youth's Companion.

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Christmas Celebration.

At a mass meeting of Sonora citizens Monday afternoon held at the First National Bank, to arrange for the celebration of the Christmas holidays. Dr. J. S. Allison called the meeting to order and Mike Murphy was elected secretary.

The opinion of the large crowd present at this meeting was that Sonora should put on a big show—"make it last three days" and to expedite matters appointed a general committee composed of the following: Theo. Savell, J. S. Allison, E. F. Vander Stucken, E. S. Briant, W. L. Aldwell and Mike Murphy.

The chair at the request of the meeting appointed W. L. Aldwell, chairman and Mike Murphy, secretary of this general committee and the meeting designated that the duties of the general committee was to get together as soon as possible, arrange programme and appoint other committees.

This has been done and Sonora is going to have three days celebration commencing with a Christmas tree at the Court House, Christmas Eve, Baby show, Biske Ball, Dance and Racing for three days.

There will also be a show of general live stock and the judges selected are among the best.

The committee selected to make a success of the entertainment are: Finance J. S. Allison, Theo. Savell, R. H. Martin, Christmas Tree; Dr. J. F. Peak, B. M. Halbert, Joe A. Ward, Walter Davis. This committee has full authority to appoint or select such other additional committees as they may desire.

It is expected that a good live stock show may be held this season and special care was taken in the selection of the judges.

In the cattle department are named as judges G. W. Stephenson, Don Cooper, Walter Whitehead.

Sheep and Goats; A. F. Clark, Thos. Bond, C. F. Adams, H. P. Allison, J. N. Ross.
Horses and Jacks; Geo. S. Allison, D. J. Wyatt, W. A. Miers.
Horse Races; De Wallace, R. H. Martin, W. L. Aldwell. This committee will see that race track is in shape, appoint judges, etc.

New don't forget about the Baby Show. All eligible under 12 months old. Judges on this committee yet to be selected, and it is possible that their names will not be known till the morning after.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Huebner and Herman are back in Sonora from Comstock, and other points on the S. P.

Pioneer of West Texas Passes Away.

Felix Vander Stucken died at his home in Fredericksburg Tuesday at the ripe age of 80 years. Intelligence of his departure was wired to San Angelo at an early hour Wednesday morning and immediately in response thereto his two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Luugwitz, and Mrs. H. Roderman, accompanied by Mr. Luugwitz, left by auto for Fredericksburg.

Besides the two daughters mentioned deceased is survived by a wife, three sons, the eldest Mr. Alfred Vander Stucken being a banker at Fredericksburg, a daughter, Mrs. Mueller of Fort Worth, and Mrs. Will Moore, of San Saba.

Felix Vander Stucken was a West Texas pioneer and his name became a household word from the Colorado to the Rio Grande.

In the early 50's he came over from Antwerp, Belgium, and located in Fredericksburg. In 1859 his two younger brothers, Emile and Frank Vander Stucken left Antwerp and joined him in the then border colony of Fredericksburg and these three soon became a power in the subjugation of the wilderness and the spread of civilization influences in the waste places of West Texas. Before the close of the Civil War, Frank Vander Stucken returned to his native land, where he died a few years since. Emile Vander Stucken, so well and favorably known in Menard, San Angelo and all West Texas, passed away some six or seven years ago, and now the eldest of the trio of upright, useful, citizens and public benefactors is called to join the mighty hosts on the other shore.

Mrs. Emile Vander Stucken and her daughter, Mrs. George Brockman, and also a nephew of the deceased, Mr. Eddie Maier, reside in this city.—San Angelo Standard

Deceased was the father of Alfred Vander Stucken and uncle of E. F. Vander Stucken of the firm of E. F. Vander Stucken Company of Sonora, and also of Max Vander Stucken of this place.

The E. F. Vander Stucken Co. store was closed for the day. The News extends its sympathy to the family and relatives in their sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lohan of Mc Kavit were visiting friends and relatives in Sonora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace were in from the Curt Allison ranch Wednesday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield.

Read the interesting statement of the First National bank in this issue. More than \$180,000 on deposit. The statement tells the story better than we can.

E. F. Tillman, General Live Stock agent for the Frisco, with headquarters at Fort Worth, was in Sonora Wednesday visiting his daughters Mrs. J. S. Allison and Miss Fadia Tillman. Mr. Tillman is a great favorite in Sonora.

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STOCK NEWS.

Mrs. W. D. Jones of Ozona sold 350 dry cows to Oscar Cain of San Angelo at \$27.50.

J. D. Fields & Co. sold to J. B. Murrain of Juno, 505 steers from one to five years old at p. t.

J. N. Ross got \$2.12 cents and W. A. Miers \$2 for their mohair at Angelo.

A. R. Cauthorn sold to Higginbotham 163 cows and two year old heifers at \$24 for cows and \$18 for heifers. There was about 240 cows in the bunch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bearce and daughter of Edorado were visiting in Sonora this week.

Mrs. Tom Elliot and daughter were in Sonora this week enroute to Pecos City.

Will Wilkinson returned from a visit to Menard where he attended the marriage of brother Lumar Wilkinson to Miss Mayma Turner on Wednesday Nov. 27.

E. G. Bartberger, J. W. Ramsey, E. S. Jones and Geo. Reincke of Kansas City spent last week hunting on the Llano. They had as escorts Geo. Trainor, H. Eastland, Ben Meckel, Jim Buchanan and Ralph Trainor of Sonora. The News has the promise of a write-up of this trip.

Of course Sonora will have a big celebration for Christmas week but the program has not been arranged. It is expected that one of the events if it can be arranged will be a quarter dash for \$500 between Casbeers mare, Erannons horse, Clarksons mare, Stephensons roan and Holmans sorrell colt. Each owner puts in \$100 and the winner takes all.

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ABSURD EAR ORNAMENTS.

Grotesque Manner in Which African
Natives Adorn Themselves.

No people in the world are fonder
of personal adornment than the
black natives of Africa, and one of
their favorite forms is to load the
ears with all manner of rude orna-
ments. The absurd extremes to
which this custom is carried in some
parts of Africa is described by Mr.
J. Bland Sutton in "Man and Beast
in Eastern Ethiopia."
"The boys and girls at the age of
thirteen or fourteen have their ear
lobes pierced. A thin spigot of wood
is inserted in the hole, which is
gradually enlarged by the introduc-
tion of thicker pieces until it is
large enough to receive a stone
with a groove running round it.
These stones vary in size, but the
ultimate result is the transforma-
tion of the lobe into a rounded cord-
like loop, which in the black ears
of these men and women looks like
a ring of India rubber. Among the
Masai the full size is attained when
the cutaneous ring of one side will
meet its fellow over the crown of
the head.
"When the lobe has been stretch-
ed to its utmost capacity it becomes
the receptacle of many strange
things, such as plugs of wood, rings
of horn or ebony, and occasionally
a can or gullipot. The British mu-
seum has a stone ear plug that
weighs two pounds fourteen ounces.
It is not an uncommon sight to see
natives with scores of rings in each
ear.
"The ornaments possess various
social or tribal significance. A
Masai woman ventures to leave
her ear adorned in the presence
of her husband. Should she hap-
pen to take them off in his absence
she would on his return run into
the hut and resume them immediately.
"To break one of those rings
of tissue is a great offense, and ac-
cordingly when native women 'fall
out' they snatch at each other's ear
loops and seek to spoil one an-
other's beauty. The tribes have
men among them, however, who are
skilful enough in plastic surgery to
reunite the ends of broken ear loops.
"Just how strong is the desire of
the black man to mutilate his body
can be seen by the fact that the na-
tive police, after three years of
civilizing service under the govern-
ment, generally go back to their na-
tive villages, strip off their uni-
forms, smear themselves with greasy
clay and weight down their ears
with wooden plugs and metal rings."

"Behind and Before."
The patience of the sergeant ma-
jor was well nigh exhausted. The
recruits in the riding school were
hopeless. It seemed as if none of
them had ever had any previous
acquaintance with a horse.
One of them seemed, if possible,
worse than the rest. He had a per-
sistent habit of turning his head
round to have a look at the rear of
his fiery steed. The sergeant major
had already reprimanded him, but
to no avail.
"Look here, my son!" he roared.
"Have you never seen a horse's tail
before?"
"No, sir," came the smart and
prompt reply. "I have always seen
it behind!"—London Answers.

"Whistler Saved Him."
A certain famous English poet
whose name the reader must be left
to fill in for himself was once threat-
ened with expulsion from a swell
London club for dancing a fandango
upon the silk hats of other mem-
bers. James A. McNeill Whistler,
however, interposed and saved him
with his eloquence. One man of
genius, Mr. Whistler urged, was
worth any number of silk hats, see-
ing that silk hats could be replaced
and men of genius could not. Then
and not till then the irate commit-
tee reconsidered its decision and ac-
cepted the apology which was ten-
dered.—London Standard.

"A Curious Fact."
A man who had determined to
kill himself went down to the river
to commit suicide, and when he be-
gan to write a final message to his
wife he could think of nothing to
say except that some butter which
he had ordered would be found at a
certain grocery. His message bears
out a certain fact discovered by
realists—that in the supreme and
soul terrifying moments of life the
most ridiculous and trivial things
often come uppermost in the mind.

"A Naval Engagement."
Binks—I see another naval en-
gagement is reported.
Jinks—More fighting?
Binks—I suppose so. The cap-
tain is engaged to the rear admiral's
daughter!

"The quicker a cold is gotten rid
of the less the danger from pneu-
monia and other serious diseases."
Mr. B. W. M. Hall, of Waverly,
Va., says: "I firmly believe Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy to be
absolutely the best preparation on
the market for colds. I have rec-
ommended it to my friends and
they all agree with me." For sale
by all dealers.—Adv.

"A Serious Lack."
An old Englishman who was
extremely stout was making vain
efforts to enter the rear door of an
omnibus. The driver leaned over
good naturedly and cried:
"Try sideways, mother, try side-
ways!"
The old woman looked up breath-
lessly and replied:
"Why, bless ye, James, I ain't got
no sideways!"

SEEING A JOKE.

Sometimes One May Be Discovered
Where it Does Not Exist.

A joke depends almost entirely
on its environment for appreciation.
Lots of our jokes would fall mighty
flat, I guess, in Zululand or Siberia,
just the same as the funny stories
of those countries would be a dead
weight over here. Every country
has its own particular brand of hu-
mor, and to appreciate it to the full
you must have been born in that
country or lived there for many
years. The Laplanders appear to
us to be a pretty solemn race, but I
dare say they have their little jokes
about the quality of the oil they
sometimes have to drink and other
subjects interesting to their mode
of living.

In every country, too, there is
a certain percentage of the people
who couldn't see a joke, however
broad it might be. There are hu-
morously dull people in Ireland as
well as humorously bright people in
Scotland. Why, some time ago I
received a letter from an Irishman
saying that he had read all my
books from cover to cover, and he
considered they were the most se-
rious things ever published. He
thought most of the stories would
go fine if they were dramatized and
put on the stage in the form of
tragedies.

As to the British sense of hu-
mor being less keen than the Ameri-
can, there's nothing in it. English
men and women are just as quick to
see a joke as we are, sometimes a
good deal quicker, and I know I
never want more appreciative audi-
ences than those I got in London.
Why, they'd start laughing before I
began, and when I'd come on to the
platform and look at them in a
solemn kind of way some of them
would double up with merriment.

Sometimes, however, anticipa-
tion is a bit awkward—as, for instance,
when a humorous lecturer being un-
able to appear his place was taken
by a minister who wished to dis-
course on the evils of intemperance.
The audience, it appears, was not
informed of the change (there might
have been a riot), and when the
good man came on the platform and
stated that his subject would be the
curse of rum those present went
into convulsions of merriment. The
more grave and solemn the lecturer
became the more the people rolled
on their seats in ecstasies of mirth
until at last the astonished divine
closed his book with a bang and re-
tired. Now, I dare say in that case
the real lecturer would hardly have
created so much amusement as did
his substitute, which proves that a
humorist with a reputation has
something of a pull over the un-
known man, though the latter may
really be funnier.—Mark Twain.

"Behind and Before."
The patience of the sergeant ma-
jor was well nigh exhausted. The
recruits in the riding school were
hopeless. It seemed as if none of
them had ever had any previous
acquaintance with a horse.
One of them seemed, if possible,
worse than the rest. He had a per-
sistent habit of turning his head
round to have a look at the rear of
his fiery steed. The sergeant major
had already reprimanded him, but
to no avail.
"Look here, my son!" he roared.
"Have you never seen a horse's tail
before?"
"No, sir," came the smart and
prompt reply. "I have always seen
it behind!"—London Answers.

"Whistler Saved Him."
A certain famous English poet
whose name the reader must be left
to fill in for himself was once threat-
ened with expulsion from a swell
London club for dancing a fandango
upon the silk hats of other mem-
bers. James A. McNeill Whistler,
however, interposed and saved him
with his eloquence. One man of
genius, Mr. Whistler urged, was
worth any number of silk hats, see-
ing that silk hats could be replaced
and men of genius could not. Then
and not till then the irate commit-
tee reconsidered its decision and ac-
cepted the apology which was ten-
dered.—London Standard.

"A Curious Fact."
A man who had determined to
kill himself went down to the river
to commit suicide, and when he be-
gan to write a final message to his
wife he could think of nothing to
say except that some butter which
he had ordered would be found at a
certain grocery. His message bears
out a certain fact discovered by
realists—that in the supreme and
soul terrifying moments of life the
most ridiculous and trivial things
often come uppermost in the mind.

"A Naval Engagement."
Binks—I see another naval en-
gagement is reported.
Jinks—More fighting?
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daughter!

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An old Englishman who was
extremely stout was making vain
efforts to enter the rear door of an
omnibus. The driver leaned over
good naturedly and cried:
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ways!"
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lessly and replied:
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