

# Town Topics

## THE LAND OF "PRETTY SOON"

I know of a land where the streets are paved  
With the things we meant to achieve;  
It is walled with the money we meant to  
have saved,

And the pictures for which we grieve.

The kind words unspoken, the promises broken,  
And many a coveted boon

Are stowed away there in that land somewhere—  
The land of "Pretty Soon."

There are uncut jewels of possible game,  
Lying about in the dust,  
And many a noble and lofty aim  
Covered with mold and rust.

And, oh, this place, while in seems so near,  
Is further away than the moon?  
Though our purpose is fair, yet we never get  
there—

The land of "Pretty Soon."

It is further at noon than it is at dawn,  
Further at night than at noon;  
Oh! let us beware of that land down there—  
The land of "Pretty Soon." —Selected

Another new chart officer in Leonard, Father Temmerman's clerk.

While all men are not cowards a whole lot of the n are inclined to be discreet.

Pride is increased by ignorance. Those assume the most who know the least.

Nature gave you one tongue and two ears that you might hear from others twice as much as you speak.

Goodman is back again at his old position in the Steward's Office after a brief illness which confined him to the Hospital.

Ryan has been promoted to Ranking Officer of the Main Hall and chief Clerk to Major Dowdle, due to the transfer of Shaw to an outside gang.

One of the men lost a string of yellow rosary beads and if the man finding it will please deliver it to the Editorial Office, the owner will receive them.

A very late acquisition to the Record Office clerical staff has requested us to say something about him in these columns. This is the best we can think of.

A man told us yesterday that he had a great pull with the Librarian for he never receives a library book with less than twenty pages missing. He has a pull all right for we know some men who get no books at all.

When you think you have a kick coming and can back your complaint don't hesitate. Have the fuss over with and do not go about with a frozen phisog and an air that will break some day because of its sadness.

A new face appears upon the G. R. F. and we have a new clerk in the Disciplinary's Office. Walker is the lad and from what has been seen so far it is likely that this newcomer will fulfill all requirements. Let us hope so.

No doubt with the turning of the calender to the twentieth the road gang will lose some very able workers. Among those who will leave us on that date are Meshalko and Watson. To them we can only say good bye, and good luck.

The October Parole Board which met here last Saturday authorized one hundred and forty-eight men for parole during the months of October, November, and December. Of this number thirty men are scheduled to leave on the coming parole day, forty-three in November and sixty-five in December.

We are pleased to note that Adelaide M. Briggs, of 18 Cheltenham Drive, Buffalo, N. Y., who is a member of our Board of Managers, has been appointed one of the delegates for this state to attend the semi-centennial meeting of the American Prison Association, to be held at Columbus, Ohio, on October 14, to 19, 1920.

It is well to be cheerful of disposition to wear a bright face, to speak in a happy tone, to be lively in action—it "doeth good like a medicine," is a tonic to others as well as a benefit to one's self. It is as infectious as disease, encouraging good spirits in those about one, as well as stimulating healthy views, of life in ones own mind.

The best of us will go; and, now it is the Dressing Nurse who arrays himself in his best and starts for the land of dreams. Buellow has been a steady, reliable individual and has discharged his duties in such a manner that it must be said that few indeed are his equal when it comes to work around the Hospital and none are better. He leaves with the best wishes of all for a successful and happy career.

"Do I look my part? asks Lieut. Finsterbach. Of course, you do. Who could doubt it. Erect, stationary, you stand on post defying the bravest to look you down and, whether by object or not, you strike terror to the hearts of the weakest who step out at your command as though they are pursued by a monster and they dare not look to right or left. A very clever officer, indeed, you are.

When it comes to beginning over again and trying to get a new, fresh grasp on life there is no experience so manifest as joining the ranks of the Awkward Squad after several months of moderate higher living. It takes nearly all the supply of first class hopes out of your little store house of encouraging things and lays bare the old tried-to-be forgotten memories that were given birth in the better days of not so very long ago. At least so the Color Squad thinks.

Among those who depart from our midst next Wednesday is an old and very familiar face—Koko Nelson. He was prominent as a member of the Library staff and a teacher in the School of Letters and for a considerable time past he held the somewhat arduous position of Trades Journal Clerk. The never failing ability with which he discharged, day after day, the responsible tasks of his department proved highly satisfactory to all concerned and won for him such general favor and good wishes as one might feel proud to take away.

"Whitey" Smith of the construction gang, one of Builder Buggy's wide awake chap., is taking exquisite care of his personal appearance and is looking forward to the big event of next week with pride and restless longing. The approach of the day upon which he is to bid us good-bye helps to bring out the good points in his cheerful disposition and anyone who comes in contact with his company quickly learns his better side and enjoy knowing that he is going home.

Once there was a man who faired well in this one sided world and did not know it. Like the majority of his kind he was not satisfied. After a certain period of time had passed, which might be termed as favorable, backed by fairly good success he resisted as it were, the hand that held him up, and he tried to launch into different channels that nearly swamped him. Some called it failure to appreciate the help that was invisible, others termed it downright foolishness with a touch of enlarged cerebrum. But whatever it was, it proved strong enough to make matters so much worse than they were before that even he, in his simplicity, was not wise enough to see.

Catherine Starr's delightful story, "Prudence on Broadway," was adapted to our screen last Sunday.

Lillian West has taken upon herself the burden of making the film version of the story, and in the nature of human events has seen fit to make what she deems improvement upon the author's work. Lillian West makes her role at all times agreeable and exceptional, a woman whose meekness and affection is so apparent that we wonder that the crowds that besiege stage doors do not congregate that mantle of priceless personality from her shoulders. Lillian West in her celluloid form indulges graceful postures, and facial beauty.

The supporting cast was headed by John A. Wild, Edward Peil, Lillian Langdon, Harvey Clark and Harry Warren.

"Prudence on Broadway" is a photo drama of such extraordinary qualities, that it seems to justify in every way the excellent histrionic talents of its stars. John A. Wild and Lillian West, its stars have never had roles that were better fitted to their personalities, and Triangle K. B. has given the screen a production that is made with consummate art.

## DIAMOND DUST

An aggregation from Seeley Creek visited us last Saturday and was subdued by our victorious Regulars only after a hard tussle which lasted eight innings. The score was 3 to 1.

Garrison a former Delicia twirler and a lad who pitched a few games for the Rochester team in the International League was on the mound for the visitors. He has a vast assortment of clever curves and shoots and he used them all against our boys, but nevertheless they got to him for ten solid drives including a double by Markow.

Wittenstein did the hurling for the Regulars and he pitched a masterly game. He struck out fourteen opposing batsman, didn't walk or hit a man and allowed only eight well scattered singles.

The Regulars were first to score; but it was not until the third that they were able to do so. Wittenstein the first batter fled to the center fielder. Markow doubled to left and Delfino reached first when the third baseman got his grounder and tagged Markow coming from second. "Happy" then came all the way home on Tifverman's clean drive to right.

In the fifth the Regulars scored twice. After Markow and Delfino fanned; Tifverman singled to center. Carter also singled and Tifverman reached third on the hit. Walters, the next batter, drove a hard liner to left which the fielder misjudged and both Tifverman and Carter crossed the plate. Sorrentine then ended the inning by grounding to Levo who threw him out at first.

The visitors scored their lone tally in the eighth. Meyers singled and stole second. Wilson struck out and Levo did likewise. Wiley connected with one of Wittenstein's slants and Meyers reached home on the hit. Garrison then fanned and the affair was at a successful end for the Regulars.

Wiley played an excellent game for Seely Creek. In four trips to the plate he succeeded in reaching first on three occasions on safe hits and he robbed Walters of a clean three-bagger by leaping high in the air and grasping the ball in his ungloved hand.

Tifverman and Carter were the stellar performers for the home contingent getting five hits between them.

The score by innings: R H E

Seeley Creek.....	0 0 0 0 0 0 1	1 8 3
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Batteries: Garrison and Wilson; Wittenstein and Carter.

For his gallantry and bravery in action in the war against the huns in France, Captain D. R. Bonnel, has been awarded a testimonial, signed by the President, which he may well be proud of. It reads:

Columbia gives to her son the accolade of the new chivalry of Humanity.

D. R. Bonnel served with great honor in the world war and was wounded in action.

Woodrow Wilson.

Cleveland won the series and now Captain Bonnel is leaving on a vacation which he intends to enjoy at Palm Beach in the company of some very refined young ladies.

A very pleasant time to you Cap, we know you deserve it.

## DON'T BLUFF

The fellow who attempts to get through this world by bluffing will encounter failure and defeat. The world has no use for a bluffer and is not long in finding him out. The one safe and sure way through life lies in sincerity, in being prepared for duties that avail you. If you don't know how to perform the task that is given you, don't attempt to bluff your employer by endeavoring to make him believe that you understand all about it, but make up your mind to secure the necessary information and then go at it with a will and you will succeed. Sincerity, truthfulness, frankness and determination to master difficulties are necessary requisites for a successful life. Do you possess them? If not determine to-day that you will get hold of them and put them into execution. The man who possesses knowledge and knows how to make use of it is the man who succeeds, but the bluffer, the fellow who is too indolent to put forth the effort to prepare himself for life's duties, will never be able to occupy an exalted place.

## NOTICE

Writing Day irrespective of grade, for all men whose names begin with letters, L, M, N, O, P, Q & R except Boardmen with writing privileges and married men with wives recognized.

Program For Sunday, October, 17 1920

## AUDITORIUM

8:15 A. M. ....Catholic Service  
9:30 A. M. ....General Turnout  
10:30A. M. ....Hebrew Service  
2:00 P. M. .... Motion Pictures

## NORTH LECTURE HALL

8:15 A. M. ....Protestant Service

## POPULATION—ITS MOVEMENTS

Number of Inmates.....	695
Last Cons. Number .....	29332
Last Def. Number.....	757
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The Grades: First, 327; Second, 362; Third, 6.	

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