

Humorous Department.

JUST WAITING.—At a dinner given by a prominent railway magnate there was among the guests a man who, during the course of his remarks concerning peers who had taken up useful work, told an amusing story of the late Lord Rosse, himself a practical engineer.

It appears that Rosse, unknown to the employees, once entered the engine room of a large manufactory, where his odd behavior attracted the engineer's attention. "What's up now?" he growled at the peer. "Why are you shaking your head in that way and looking at your watch every second? Anything to find fault with?"

"The boiler explodes? Why, you are a crazy man!" exclaimed the engineer, angrily, preparing to turn his lordship out as a dangerous crank. "Well," retorted the earl, "if you work ten minutes longer with that boiler screw the boiler will certainly explode."

"The engineer glanced in the direction indicated by Lord Rosse, paled and jumped to stop the engine. "Why didn't you say so sooner?" he asked. "Why should I?" nonchalantly rejoined the peer. "I never yet had had an opportunity of seeing a boiler explode."—Tit-Bits.

ONE PLACE, ANYWAY.—Two men from New York awoke one morning to find themselves in Savannah. Remembering that they were in a prohibition state, and having a thirst worthy of their surroundings, the pair started out on a still hunt for an eye-opener. They were not acquainted and were in a quandary as to where to start on their quest, and while they were debating the question mentally between them, they were approached by a pleasant-looking policeman, who wished them "good morning."

"Say, Jim," said one of the pilgrims to the other, "this is an opening. Here's a good fellow; let's ask him." It was agreed and the officer answered their inquiry by saying laconically, "follow me." He walked then three blocks until they stood in front of the cathedral. Here he paused. "The travelers looked at each other in amazement. "Surely my good man," said the first, "you do not mean to tell us that a blind tiger is being operated in the church?" "You see the church, do you?" asked the policeman solemnly. "Yes," assented the two. "Well, that is the only place in Savannah that you can't get it," said he.—Bohemian.

Miscellaneous Reading.

A HUNTER OF GRAFT.

Career of Francis J. Heney, Who Was Shot in Frisco.

Francis J. Heney, chief prosecutor in the San Francisco graft case and assistant district attorney, who was recently shot in the head by Morris Haas, has become famous in the west as a fighter of graft and grafters, and Henry was then 28 years old and had a fair practice. He took the appointment and prosecuted the grafters in the land fraud cases so successfully that when San Francisco awakened to the realization that it was graft ridden he was called upon to act as a special prosecutor there, and a fund of \$100,000 was contributed for him with which to begin work.

Francis Joseph Heney, the son of an Irishman, was born in Lima, N. Y., on March 17, 1859. His family moved to San Francisco in 1863, and there he lived his boyhood in the south of Market district, known then as now as the rendezvous for wild gangs of youngsters who knew no fear or limit to their deviltry. The husky youngster learned to fight before he learned to read. Later, when he knew how to read and was cramming his head full of preparatory stuff for the matriculation examinations at the University of California, he did not forget how to fight. He entered the university at Berkeley with the class of '82.

Heney never knew what fear meant and was always ready for trouble. As a young man, after being graduated from the University of California, he practiced law in Tucson, Ariz. He was of such a fighting nature in his practice that he made enemies of the evil types of Tucsonites, so he bought himself a modern pocket revolver, had a special pocket built in his trousers for it so that he would not be hampered by his coat in bringing it into action, and pursued the even tenor of his way. When he first began to follow the trail of Ruff and Schmitz and the other San Francisco grafters the charge was widely spread that Heney was a murderer. This charge was based on Heney's Tucson experience. A Tucson man, known as a "bad man," went about the town boasting that there was no lawyer in the town who would dare handle the suit of his wife for divorce. Heney took the suit, and the husband came after him to kill him. He threw himself on the young lawyer to choke him to death as he had threatened, but he did not succeed. He then reached for his pistol, but Heney's specially made pocket, well in front of his trousers' waistband, emptied itself, and the "bad man" dropped dead in his tracks.

Heney was engaged to run down the San Francisco grafters as the result of a remark he dropped in a club in that city. He said that with \$100,000 back of him he could clean up the city politically. Wealthy citizens who had been discriminated against in franchise matters because of the free use of bribes put up the money, and Heney began work. He was soon on the trail of Ruff, who showed up as the arch corruptionist of San Francisco and in whose hands Mayor Schmitz was a tool. He secured the confession of supervisors who had voted at the command of Ruff and Schmitz, and for money, and then brought about the arrest of the big men.

But until his arrest following the shooting of Heney was under ball of \$1,500,000 to answer seventy-eight indictments for bribery and various forms of municipal corruption. Mayor Schmitz, removed from office and ruined in so far as his career in his home city is concerned, was tried and sentenced to five years, but this trial was upset by a higher court and he was admitted to bail. Ruff had one trial on one indictment against him and the jury disagreed. Both men have been fighting bitterly to ward off final conviction and jail sentences, while Heney has never let up in his fight to land them for long terms behind the bars.

When Heney took the task of uncovering the land frauds he stipulated that he should have a lump sum from the government for his work in order to cover his loss in private practice. This was agreed to, and Heney gave all of his time to the work. Later an assistant attorney generalship was offered him, but he declined it. In the present cases he says that he is not looking for any special fee in his work, but is working for the good of his city and its people and will keep at it to the end.

Heney is 49 years old. He has gained a reputation in the west second to no lawyer in the matter of vicious attacks. He has been in the San Francisco cases William J. Burns, formerly of the secret service of the United States, who worked with him in the Oregon land fraud cases.—Athens Globe.

solves should be washed out into the sea to certain death. But the iron lattice-work outside the windows saved the panes from destruction. The light keepers, who were old sailors, affirmed that no experience on shipboard could be as horrible as this long struggle with the storm at the summit of the lighthouse. They would have been glad to take refuge even in a frail ship.

The Tillamook light had on previous occasions been washed over completely by waves. The same thing happened to the Eddystone light, off the coast of England, and to the light at Fleaux-de-Brechet, off the coast of France, both of which are about 150 feet in height. It seems well established, therefore, that waves may mount to a height 150 feet above the general level.—New York World.

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