

**The Dark Horse.**

(San Francisco Post.)

Probably the meanest piece of cold-blooded deception ever practiced on a woman occurred out in Western Addition the other day. It seems that the belle of that important suburb of our municipality is a Miss Susan Smiley, and whom a vigorous rumor, kept in circulation by her less-favored sisterhood, credited with being a desperate little flirt—in fact, what Billy Rice, the minstrel, used to call a "falsehearted cooky." At all events her affections were of sufficiently infatuated a quality to cause her two most favored suitors to look upon each other with the most vindictive feelings common to hated rivals. These gentlemen—who were respectively a city hall clerk, with eye-glasses and freckles, named Cliff, and a dry goods manipulator called Diggs—occupied the intervals devoted to gloomily sitting each other out three evenings a week, to fruitless attempts to discover which of the two was really the coming man in the matrimonial race, so to speak. Last Thursday morning, Miss Smiley, in response to a business-like ring of the door-bell, admitted a middle-aged party with a black beard, and wearing blue goggles and a long-tailed ulster.

"I am taking the census, mum," he said, proceeding to open a flat book on the piano and getting out some blanks. "Just look sharp, please, and answer the necessary questions."

Miss Smiley trembled a little, as women always do for some reason when talking to a Government official, and said she'd try.

"Lem me see—your name's Smiley, I believe—first name?"

"Susan."

"Middle name?"

"Haven't got any, sir."

"Come now, young woman, no pre-variation. Are you sure you haven't got a middle name somewhere, and are trying to conceal it?"

"No, sir; indeed I haven't," said the young lady, turning very pale. "I wouldn't deceive you."

"You'd better not, mum. The penalty is twenty-five years hard labor."

"Gracious me!"

"Fact, mum. Now, then, let's see what's next. Ah, yes—how often married?"

"Not once yet."

"Ahum. Going to be, I s'pose? Been asked, eh?"

"Oh I yes, sir, several times."

"Call it six times," said the census man, making an entry. "What next? Ah I yes—is your back hair false?"

"M—must I answer that?"

"Of course you must. Don't trifle with the United States Government, mum. Come now—"

"Well, it's shorter; that is, kinder—"

"That'll do; we'll call it mixed. Teeth sound?"

"Yes, sir; with much emphasis."

"Don't get excited. Let's see—I'll put your age down as 25. The United States Government never allows us to take a woman's age on oath. They will lie; can't help it, I guess."

"I'm just 18. I don't care whether the Government likes it or not," said the citizeness, snappishly.

"Of course, of course; they all say that. Pay attention, please. What size shoe?"

"Eh?"

"Must answer, mum. Remember the penalty. How many inches around the waist?"

"Well, if you must know, sixteen. But I think it's just a shame—"

"No remarks, if you please. Ahem! We'll call it nineteen. They generally throw off about three inches, I find. Size of shoe?"

"Two—but I can wear one and a—"

"I'll return you as No. 4. That's about what a 'three' always says. Any bean?"

"W-w-h-a-t?"

"I say, any bean?—and be very careful about your answer, mum. The Washington authorities are very particular on this point. Has everything to do with the next census, you see. Now, how many sweet-hearts?"

"Well—of course—there are some gentlemen coming here—and—"

"Of course, of course. I've got you down in the 'Good Looks' space as AAT handsome. So, of course, you have plenty of admirers. All the Government, requires however is the principal ones."

"Well, said the young lady, somewhat mollified, "there is Jimmy Pliff and Tom Diggs and—"

"Hold up, right there! Which of 'em do you intend to marry?" said the enumerator of population.

"Oh, neither of them. There's—ahem!—there's a splendid gentleman named Soudberry—Charlie Soudberry—perhaps you know him? He has big, brown and beautiful curly hair, and—"

"And those other gentlemen—Pliff and Diggs—know of the existence of this—this fellow Soudberry?"

"Oh, no! I'm too smart for that. I just tag them along to buy ice cream and caramels, and take me to the theatre. It's the biggest fun. Charlie knows all about it, you see, and he calls himself the—the—oh, yes! the dark horse!"

"Oh, he does, does he?" roared the census man, jerking off his wig and goggles, and revealing the enraged features of Mr. T. Diggs. "I wish him just six months to get a divorce from the most two-faced little cat on the Pacific coast!" And he banged the door like a pile-driver behind him as he stalked out.

And as Susan confided to Soudberry's left lapel that evening, she had never felt so utterly wretched do-you-call it in the whole course of her life.

**The Canadian Pacific Railway.**

[From the "Telegraph."]

Now that the Canadian Ministers have returned, we may surely expect to learn a little more about the bargain said to have been entered into.

The public will be curious to know how Sir John is to give Canada the railroad, without it costing the people "one dollar," as he stated at Bath.

The people of Canada would not grudge a good many dollars, even a few millions, to see the undertaking in safe hands.

The idea prevails in Montreal that the Government have had to accept an offer, which they before refused, from parties in that city, the chief among whom is Mr. George Stephen and other parties who are interested in the Minnesota

Railway scheme, in managing which

they made so much money. We may, however, glance at what the newspapers were saying up to the time Sir John set sail.

The Standard, the London Conservative organ, in its issue of Sept. 9 said:—

We are informed that an arrangement was concluded to-day between Sir J. A. McDonald, on behalf of the Dominion of Canada, and a syndicate of capitalists, for the construction, working and maintaining of the proposed line of Railway from the Eastern Provinces to British Columbia. The group by which the contract was made consists of a banking firm in London, a financial association in Paris, and a wealthy firm in New York. The leading conditions formally agreed to by the parties concerned are as follows:—The Dominion Government will pay the Canada Pacific Railway Company \$5,000,000, in bonds, assigning to them at the same time a fixed amount of land—extending to many millions of acres—in alternate blocks along the line. The Government also undertake to assign the portion of the line already completed to the company, the estimated cost being between five and six millions sterling, including the cost of surveys of the entire route which have been prepared. It is stated to be definitely arranged the company shall work and maintain the line in perpetuity at their own risk on the terms now being offered.

This would be equal to between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 in money besides lands.

In the Times of September 13, a writer who signs himself "Anglo-Canadian," replies to "Senex," in regard to the ThunderBay section he says, it is necessary to the integrity of the scheme. Among other things, he says:—

The precise meaning of your correspondent's second question is not quite clear. Until the actual text of the guarantee referred to, is made public, it is idle to speculate upon the sure or unsure of the possible profit or loss which may result from its operation. The terms offered by the Canadian Government for the construction of the line are certain enough as to the amount of the guarantee, but as to the amount of the cost, it is impossible to say more.

The reliance to be placed on the preliminary and succeeding surveys, which have from time to time been made, and which can be best determined by the reputation for efficiency and honesty which those making them are known to sustain, and by a thorough and careful examination of their reports to their employers, the Dominion Government.

No guarantee has yet been given, nor has any undertaking thus far been entered into by the promoters, looking either to the immediate construction or the ultimate equipment and working of the line. Probably nothing less than the aggregate ultimate cost of the road in a workable condition is contemplated by the Canadian Government in the present negotiation, but until the papers are signed it is impossible to say more.

The Times of September 15, in its city article, gives a letter signed "An Old Trapper," in reply to "Senex," published by us in the Telegraph, a day or two ago; he also replies to "Anglo-Canadian" after referred to. In that communication it is affirmed that "the Canadian Pacific Railway is not a fit subject for commercial enterprise," however useful it may be as a Government work. He quotes Mr. Sanford Fleming on the subject.

The Times of the 14th, in introducing another letter from "Senex," says:—

Until the prospectus of the Canadian Pacific Railway scheme is published, it is, of course, impossible to pass criticism upon the merits of the undertaking from a commercial point of view. In the meantime, the best that can be done is to incline to risk their money in the venture, is to allow the public to hear the opinions pro and con, of those who are known to be best qualified to judge of the commercial prospects, engineering and climatic difficulties, of such a line as the proposed Canadian Pacific. It is acknowledged on all hands that the line, if it could be completed, would be of immense benefit to the Dominion; but what we are immediately concerned with is the interests of the investor. The Dominion Government itself appears to have expended in the work over 11 millions of dollars, and to have entered upon contracts involving nearly ten millions more, and have now, we presume, exhausted their credit at home. The company to whom a Royal charter was granted in 1872, to enable them to carry out the enterprise, after depositing a million of money, failed in the financial arrangements. The question, therefore, to be answered is, supposing the line to be completed, and the difficulties, which have already been partly discussed in our columns, are surmountable, what security have the promoters for the money advanced above those which were unacceptable to capitalists when attempts have previously been made to raise the money.

This seems to agree with the statement in the Standard, that besides the \$25,000,000 in money, the whole of the works completed or in course of construction, value for about the same amount, are to be handed over, in addition to the lands. "Senex" reiterates his former positions as to the character of the road between Lake Superior and Lake Nipissing. In the Times of the following day, we have the semi-official announcement already quoted, but giving no details, in which the communicated statement in the Times of 9th is set aside. Any editorial comments made by the Times on the scheme, must be contained in articles which have not yet come to hand. But Sir John is here, and we hope he will at once "rise and explain."

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