

NEWS OF THE WORLD IN BRIEF.

The Woman's Suffrage Convention has adjourned. The sixth annual ball of the Great Falls Ice Drivers' Association took place last night at the Hotel Hamilton. A large crowd was present.

An interesting musical and literary entertainment was given last night by the pupils of the eighth grade of the Webster school. It was enjoyed by a large audience.

Thomas Donahoe of Philadelphia has been recommended by Superintendent Portier to receive a special agent of the eleventh census to collect statistics relative to Indians.

The pupils of the eighth grade of the Jefferson School gave an entertainment last night for the benefit of the school library. It was largely attended. A military drill by the scholars was the feature of the evening.

The following officers have been elected by the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias: G. P. B. Jones, G. O. G. L. R. Foxwell; trustees, George W. Hestley and W. F. Moekke.

Mr. W. L. Adams of this city has written to Mr. W. L. Adams of Police Lamon of Philadelphia asking him to search for Adam Allen, a relative, who left Washington on Saturday morning. Adams is working at Philadelphia. Since then he has not been heard from. He was eccentric.

The body of a white man about 3 feet 4 inches tall, somewhat shaven, brown hair mixed with gray, and wearing a suit of laborer's clothes, was discovered by William H. Foster, a constable, in the river at the foot of Seventeenth street. He was washed out by Policemen Hawley and Holmes and taken to the morgue.

Alexander B. Hays, a Scotchman, and Harry Small, a companion, complained to the sheriff yesterday afternoon of cruelty they received at the hands of certain Chesapeake Bay fishermen. They were working a month they received sound thrashings and \$1.50 as their salary. The police could do nothing for them and they started up the railroad track for Baltimore.

The internal revenue receipts yesterday were \$10,000,000. Forty private pension bills were passed at last evening's session of the House of Representatives.

President Harrison has approved Senate bill 940, authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, either in the County of Douglas or in the County of Murray in Nebraska.

Commissioner Groff of the General Land Office has rendered a decision in the Peralta grant case in Arizona. He holds that no right of way exists in the river and the claimants are ordered to pay the cost of the survey. The claim embraces about 4,000,000 acres in the central part of Arizona.

The fourteenth anniversary of John Hopkins University is being celebrated today. There were 200 business failures in the past week in the States and 41 in Canada in the past week.

The Interstate Commissioner has decided that the Baltimore and Ohio's party rates are illegal. Mrs. Lippincott, who committed so many forgeries, is reported to have been seen in Trenton, N. J.

There is much opposition in Richmond to the Meat Inspection bill recently passed by the Virginia Legislature. Malcolma Johnson, colored, stabbed Charles Washington, at Huntington, W. Va., and charged with murder.

Kate Kline is broken down in health, and upon the advice of his friend Muldoon, he will go to the Hot Springs for awhile. The Republican State Convention will meet in Philadelphia to-day to confer about a memorial monument in Fairmount Park.

West Virginia House of Delegates rejected the amendments to the Reform Bill tucked on by the Republican Senate. The Southern Society banquet will be the principal celebration to-day in New York, and ex-President Cleveland will lead the speaking.

John Hoffman, a patient in the insane asylum at Kanakakee, Ill., tried to kill Joseph Jolliver, a butcher, by striking him on the head with a cleaver. The equitrian statue of General Robert E. Lee at Mt. Vernon, Md., has been completed. The unveiling ceremonies are to take place in Richmond, May 20.

Ed. Noland, an ice-packer, at Fond du Lac, Wis., suddenly became insane and attacked his fellow-workmen, who, through fear, fell upon him and nearly beat him to death. Mr. Thaddeus S. Sharratt, appraiser at the port of Baltimore, has been ordered to New York to assist in adjusting the claims of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad.

A tariff reform club was organized at Huntington, Md., and resolutions were made by J. Clarence Lane, T. K. Worthington, W. L. Marbury, Roger W. Cull, Buchanan Schaefer, J. T. C. Williams and others. Commissioner Roosevelt made an address before the Civil Service Association of Maryland yesterday, after which Commissioners Roosevelt, Johnson and Thompson were entertained at dinner at the Merchants Club.

Mrs. Bratner, once an actress in the support of Mrs. Anger, Lillian Lee, Missie Grainger and others, is dead at Hackettstown, N. J. She was the wife of J. M. Simpson, an actor, and was an uncommonly handsome woman. The congregation of St. Adelbert's Polish Catholic Church at Buffalo, N. Y., has elected a new pastor, Rev. J. J. C. Cunningham, arrested on a charge of appropriating to his own use the funds of the congregation entrusted to him.

The Montgomery County Agricultural Society, at a meeting at Rockville, elected new officers for the ensuing year. The treasury books of the society and the committee was appointed to consider the sale of the grounds of the society and the purchasing of new grounds. The next meeting will be held in May.

Italy will send representatives to the later conference to be held at Bern. Mr. Gladstone's physicians announce that their patient's condition is much better today. The Paris Telegrams say that the Russian loan was seven times covered by subscriptions made in Paris alone.

Advices from the Cape are that the Transvaal Government has forbidden the Boer expedition into Mashonaland. The police of Prague have seized an issue of the newspaper Narodni List, containing a manifesto of the young Czechs against the understanding agreed upon with the Germans.

The minister of finance at Vienna has submitted to the lower house of the Reichsrath bills to regulate the taxes on food and to extend the radius of the territory in which octroi duties are levied. The Empress of Austria yesterday proceeded to the island of Selence at Pesh, where the remains of Count Andriassy are lying, and placed a wreath on the coffin and then knelt and prayed.

Navigation is sufficiently open at Toronto to enable an American firm to ship ice across Lake Ontario to American ports. A schooner with a capacity for 300 tons sailed yesterday with the first cargo. Rev. F. O. Morris, the well-known British naturalist, is trying to procure the passage of an act of Parliament making bird-nesting illegal, in order to preserve some of the rarer British birds from total extinction.

Mr. Eugene Field makes the announcement that, through the kind offices of some London gentlemen, he has come into possession of one of the axes with which Mr. Gladstone has delighted to saw down the trees of Hawarden.

CALLING ON CONGRESS.

Knights of Labor Take Action on the Tax Inequalities.

INDORSING "THE CRITIC'S" POSITION.

Necessary that the Public Should Know the Full and Exact Facts.

Discrimination in Favor of Land Speculators Against Those Who Improve Their Property.—Mr. Hammon's Motion a Harrowing Tale.

The story of the unavailing efforts of a citizen to secure the conviction of the late Board of Assessors for directly violating the assessment laws in their notable unequal valuation of properties, given in the words of Mr. C. B. Hammon, in an interview with a Critic reporter.

"Hon. William W. Grout stated yesterday," said Mr. Hammon: "If the assessors had assessed the real estate at its true cash value, and they refuse to follow the spirit of the law, they can be indicted for this dereliction."

"Unfortunately this is not so, as usual experience has proved. Let me unfold the harrowing tale. The law requires that all property shall be assessed at its 'true value in lawful money.' This either means the price it has brought, or will bring in the open market, after the usual advertisement, under ordinary conditions, and expressed in terms of lawful money; or it means nothing. A penalty is provided for every assessor who fails to do so."

"Last June, as soon as the assessment returns were opened for public inspection, I ascertained that certain lots were assessed at a rate far below their 'true value' as shown by the prices which they had sold, or by the capitalization of their ground-rents, and thereon I filed appeals in due form. These appeals were ignored, and the assessments were finally entered on the tax-lists as usual."

"I then made a clear and deliberate violation of law, because the assessors had 'knowingly refused' to assess the property at its 'true value.' Thereupon I wrote statements of the facts in one case to the District Attorney, Judge Hoge, stating that I wished to swear out a warrant against the assessors."

"A week passed, and I received no answer. I then called on Mr. Hammon, who received my note, but had not had time to give it personal attention, and would have to refer it to his assistant, Mr. Coyle, who was out of town. When Mr. Coyle returned I called on him. He said that he had answered my note, but that he did not intend to prosecute, and that I did not propose a prosecution under the general statute, but under the assessors' act, which provided that the assessors had 'knowingly refused' to assess the lot at its 'true value.' He then read the law, and finally asked me whether I could prove that they had assessed at an undervalued price, and did not grasp the full meaning of the inquiry, but replied that I could prove the facts stated, which would doubt establish a criminal intent. He stated that he thought not, and so that was the end of the matter."

"I now submit that when one knowingly does a thing, the doing of which is a violation of law, that criminal intent is established. At least so it seems to me. I am a lawyer, and as an assessor, knowing that a piece of land laid sold for a given price, or rents said land for assessment at only a small fraction of that price, he is guilty of criminal intent. What lawyer will dispute this?"

"Later I went to Mr. Ames, in the Police Court. He undertook to go over the facts in regular order, and finally concluded that the sub-assessors were guilty of the indictable offense committed in their individual capacities (in the primary work of making the returns), and that after the first Monday in June, when acting as a deputy assessor, he had violated the law, 'in their opinion,' gave them such a wide latitude for action that it would hardly be possible in any case to secure a conviction under the penalty provided for in the law."

"Now, no one could anticipate the action of any assessor, and neither would it be possible to make an assessor 'know the true value of all property in his district,' and as the public has no access to the books of the assessors until after they cease to act as individuals, therefore, under Mr. Ames' decision, it would be impossible to secure a prosecution in any case, no matter how low the assessment might be returned."

"In my own opinion, Mr. Ames erred in his conclusion, and it was his duty to prepare a warrant, when a citizen has been wronged by the assessors for a jury to decide whether the Board of Equalization had acted on its 'opinion,' in neglecting to assess the lot at its true value, or whether it had, with 'good cause,' agreed to let it stand as assessed, and if not at its true value, and this opinion is confirmed by the statements of the ex-assessors, in which several of them distinctly admit that they were influenced by extraneous motives, and not the great defect of the law, which is to secure the assessment of real estate at its 'true value.' But it is a fact that this 'spirit' has been almost universally adopted, and the great advantage of the wealthy and influential. The great defect of the law may be summed up in two words—divided responsibility."

Opening of the Fight. There are 10,000 members of organized assemblies of Knights of Labor in the District of Columbia. Each assembly will make a determined and sustained effort to have the question of unequal assessment in the District of Columbia investigated by Congress and the inequalities of the administration of the law adjusted.

The first move in this direction was taken at a meeting of Painters' Assembly No. 10, held at the Hotel Hamilton, ex-Master Workman, introduced the following preamble and resolution: Whereas in the last few days the Chief Justice has been directing public attention to the gross inequalities and glaring injustice of the present method of assessment in the District, whereby the most valuable lands are assessed at a rate of 25 to 40 per cent of their true value, while less valuable lands, owned and occupied by the poorer people, are assessed from 60 to 100 per cent of their true value, and that district

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Objecting to God in the Constitution of the Fathers.

Positive Opinions of the Leader of the "Liberal Thinkers"—Repeating Main-Body Dogmas—Accepting the Doctrines of Buddha.

"I have no objection to telling you anything relating to the proposed woman's movement that you are likely to interest either women or the public in general." This was in reply to questions asked of Mrs. Matilda Joslyn Gage, now at Willard's, in relation to the coming convention of Liberal Thinkers.

Referring to the recent interviews with prominent suffrage leaders, which appeared in THE CRITIC, Mrs. Gage said: "There are one or two erroneous opinions, apparently existing, concerning the movement—opinions which I would like to correct. In the first place I am not an asceticist or traitor to the suffrage party, for the cause of enfranchisement is as dear to my heart as ever. I am still a suffragist, but I am more than a suffragist. I have found the old garment useless and have put on a new robe. The slow growth of the movement has convinced that the stumbling blocks to woman's political enfranchisement can only be rolled away by mental and spiritual liberation. I have, with a few others of my kind, determined to inaugurate a new and uncompromising resistance. Nor is it quite just toward the distinctly outlined purpose of the new movement to confuse the word non-religious and irreligious. If we are to have a new-made chains for the physical, moral and spiritual degradation of women, means irreligion—then I accept the word; but if a reverent acknowledgment of God, with the most earnest purpose and a burning zeal in the promotion of the intelligence, purity and independence of women may be reckoned as among the evidences of a true faith, the proposed Liberal Union may be denominated a religious body."

"Then you regard the Church as the chain upon the liberty of woman?" "I regard the Church as the basic principle of immorality in the world, and the most prolific source of pauperism, of crime, and of injustice to women," replied Mrs. Gage, and the momentary light in her eye and the fact that she had a number of colored children in South Washington, Fanny Gray, aged 10; Minnie Dunn, aged 16; and Rosie Carter, aged 13, made shocking revelations as to the manner in which she had been reared. The 10-year-old girl said that she had lived by street solicitation for two years, and spent the money in going to the variety theatres. The mother of one of the witnesses is Mrs. Cross, the female Factor of South Washington, who for years past has forced her own children to steal and beg. The prisoner is known in the locality in which she lives as "Miss Annie," and, according to the evidence of the children and the police, she makes a living by procuring young colored children for white men who visit her house.

"At the request of Mrs. Williams the witness in Mrs. Cross's case, on Monday afternoon, produced evidence for the defense. Judge Miller, in commenting on the case, said: "It would be an excellent idea if some of the female suffragists would organize a bureau to examine these houses and find out what is going on there. These proceedings are so secret that information of what young children are being educated in vice can be obtained in no other way."

FIGHTERS IN PRISONS.

Were Dempsey's Gloves "Doctored"—He is After Blanche.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—At the California Athletic Club rooms yesterday Dempsey was asked by President Fildes and the newspaper reporters: "I don't want to fight young Mitchell (John F. Heger), I look on him as a boy, and think he did wrong in challenging me, but I don't wish him a lesson when we meet in April." Continuing, Dempsey said: "La Blanche was the man I was after. I will meet LaBlanche in the ring before the end of the month. I have bare knuckle, skin gloves, or five-ounce gloves, London or Queensberry, and bet him \$10,000 to \$2,500 that I will whip him. This is giving him odds of four to one, and if he don't accept this offer I will give him a money-plaster than words that he is afraid to meet me again. I have offered him every dollar of a \$5,000 purse to meet me, win or lose. He wouldn't do it, but I will bet him a number of liberal offers to him, but this last one is the best. If he can whip me he can win anywhere from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Now, let's see what he'll do."

Joe Choyinski, who whipped Frank Glover and several other fighting men of note here, was yesterday matched against Billy Wilson, the colored champion of the Northwest, by the Golden Gate Club for a purse of \$1,000, of which \$250 goes to the loser. They signed articles to contest to a finish under Queensberry rules. Denny Keilher and Bill Hennessey, the well-known middle weights, have been matched by the San Jose Athletic Club to contest to a finish for an \$8