

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD

Widow of Estimated Multimillionaire Allowed Her Mansion to Become Dilapidated.

MRS. ASTOR LIVED IN FADED SPLENDOR

Her Pearls Not the Only Imitations Among Her Possessions—According to the Appraiser of the Valuation of the Interior, Mrs. Caroline Webster Astor Had Allowed the Richness and Beauty of the Fifth Avenue Astor Home to Become a Thing of By-Gone Days.

New York, Dec. 19.—The testimony of Norman H. Price, an employee of the dry goods firm which appraised the interior furnishings of the home of Mrs. Caroline Webster Astor at 842 Fifth avenue, has been filed in the surrogate's court in connection with the report of Tax Appraiser James Yessence.

The testimony showed that Mrs. Astor's pearls were not the only imitations among her possessions. It also shows that Mrs. Astor, although her husband left a fortune estimated to be between \$60,000,000 and \$70,000,000, and she owned several million dollars' worth of property here, allowed her Fifth avenue mansion to become dilapidated as go to her interior, so that she passed the last years of her life in the midst of faded splendor.

According to the appraiser, the furniture, carpets and rugs were in a worn and soiled condition when he made his valuation of the interior last spring, and the richness and beauty of the Astor home had become a thing of bygone days.

HAWAII HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Laborers Are Well Off—Oriental Population Is Kept Up by Many Births.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Hawaii, though losing some of its Oriental population by emigration, promises to make up the loss in part by births. The departure of Japanese during the fiscal year 1909 far exceeded the arrivals. Among the immigrants from that country, however, there has been during the past few years a large increase in the percentage of women. The decrease in Chinese due to departures and non-arrival is largely offset by births and the arrival of Chinese children desiring to attend school.

FATHER RIGNEY'S FUNERAL

Tuesday Morning Will Be of a Very Impressive Character.

Seymour, Conn., Dec. 19.—The arrangements for the funeral of the Rev. Michael F. Rigney, pastor of St. Augustine's church, whose death occurred early Friday morning, have now been nearly completed. The services will take place in St. Augustine's church at 10.30 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Honors. Not all the foreign academic honors coming to this country go to the men. Julia H. Gulliver, a graduate of the first class at Smith and now president of Rockford college in Illinois, has received notice of her election as an officer of the French Academie.—Boston Transcript.

MAY BE NATURALIZED.

Letter Received in Hartford Brings Good News to Asiatics.

A letter has been received at the office of the clerk of the United States court in Hartford, notifying the effect of a letter received some time ago from the bureau of immigration and naturalization concerning the naturalization of Asiatics.

The former letter interpreted the status of the federal statutes provides for naturalization of "white persons and persons of African nativity or descent." The former letter interpreted the status as excluding persons coming from Asia.

The recent letter will bring glad news to many who have been on the anxious seat for fear they could not be citizens of the United States. There are Armenians, Syrians and others who have been applying to the clerk Richard F. Carroll for the necessary papers. No reason is given for the reversal on the part of the bureau at Washington. A reason which Mr. Carroll gave was that the decision in the federal courts which was being tried out involving the point in question, which was now settled, but he could not say what the decision was the reason. The letter is as follows:

"Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Dec. 1, 1909. For Mr. To Clerks of Courts Exercising Jurisdiction in Naturalization Proceedings:

"Clerks of courts exercising jurisdiction in naturalization proceedings will please disregard any request or direction heretofore made by any officer of this division, of the department, whereby such clerks were directed to refuse to receive or file declarations of intention and petitions for naturalization, on the ground of any meaning hitherto given to the provision of naturalization to the words, 'white persons and persons of African nativity or descent,' as used in section 2169 R. S. CHIEF CLERK, DIVISION OF NATURALIZATION."

WANTS OYSTER GROUNDS

New Haven Attorney Applies for Privilege Near Stonington.

Attorney David E. Fitzgerald of New Haven has made application to the commissioners of shell fisheries for 650 acres of land under water for oyster planting in Long Island sound, and has posted a bond to the town clerk's office at Stonington. The notice will remain posted for ten days, during which time objections to the project may be filed. The grounds applied for are just outside the jurisdiction. The grounds in the vicinity have already been considered good oyster grounds and Lancaster Brothers of New Haven are raising large quantities of the shellfish on the lands recently purchased by them.

HATS OFF TO SLATTER.

He's the Bold Virginia Who Has Offered to Marry Carrie Nation.

Let the name of a Virginia named Slatter be scratched over the main entrance to the Hall of Fame, between those of Bosco, the Snake Eater, and "my friend, Carl Akery of Chicago," who choked a lion to death with his bare hands, and crushed a leopard's lungs with his bare knees. The Washington correspondents—being busy, no doubt, with their Christmas shopping—have neglected to mention the advent of Mr. Slatter, but regarding his valor they are copiously eloquent. He is no common hero of the garden variety, but a pursuer of man-eating horses or rescuer of boat rockers at Sunday school picnics or slayer of a septic hippopotami—but a veritable Olympian, heaven-kissing, unrivaled, unique. To come to the point at once, Mr. Slatter has offered to marry Carrie Nation.

The true quality of this remarkable offer, we will not be apparent at once. On its face, indeed, it appears to be nothing more than an act of reckless bravado—a symptom of a braggadocio spirit, more picturesque than brave. But a careful examination of the nature of human marriage, and particularly of marriage with an elderly widow armed to the teeth, reveals it with colossal daring. Even under circumstances the most favorable the ordinary man turns pale at the altar. Elaborate precautions are taken to divert his mind from the future, but with all the aids of temples. If it were not for the fact that his faculties are benumbed by the loud music, the rattling of bangles and artificial palms, the ecstatic buzzing of the unmarried ladies in the audience and the further fact that his distraction is allayed by the appearance of the bride, who has just been subjected to shrinking gentleness, he would jump out of the window.

But the man who marries Carrie will benefit by no such benign deceptions and anodines, for there is any music at all it will be the alarming cacophony of sifes and snare drums. And Carrie herself will wear no mask of tulle and tulle. But a careful examination of the nature of human marriage, and particularly of marriage with an elderly widow armed to the teeth, reveals it with colossal daring. Even under circumstances the most favorable the ordinary man turns pale at the altar. Elaborate precautions are taken to divert his mind from the future, but with all the aids of temples. If it were not for the fact that his faculties are benumbed by the loud music, the rattling of bangles and artificial palms, the ecstatic buzzing of the unmarried ladies in the audience and the further fact that his distraction is allayed by the appearance of the bride, who has just been subjected to shrinking gentleness, he would jump out of the window.

He May Be the Joke. It is said that Jeffrey regards his coming late—a-tete with Mr. Johnson as a joke. Jeff must have a queer sense of humor.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

GETS CHILDREN SIX WEEKS.

Judge Burpee Grants Decision in Divorce Case Against Baroness Von Romberg of Germany.

In a decision handed down Friday by Judge Burpee of the superior court at Bridgeport in the action of Walter C. Morrill of Greenwich and New York against his former wife, now Baroness von Romberg, of Berlin, Germany, asking that the decree of divorce granted her and under which she was given the custody of the two minor sons of the couple be so modified that Morrill be awarded the custody of the children, it is directed that the children, who are now with the mother in Germany, be brought to New York city under proper escort for six weeks of each year to be in the custody of Mr. Morrill. The decision directs that the trip be made after July 1 each year, and that the Baroness von Romberg pay the expenses of the trip to this country. Mr. Morrill is to defray the expenses of the return trip. The children are to be back in Berlin before Oct. 1. In his action Morrill asked that the custody of the children be awarded him on the ground that the Baroness was not a proper person to have charge of them. He objected to having the boys given a German education, which case said would tend to make them German subjects. He desired the children to be given an American education. It was also claimed that the terms of the decree of divorce had provided that the father should see the children for six weeks each year, but that this decree had been violated by the Baroness when she had taken the children to Germany.

Mrs. Tyson Gets Divorce. A divorce was granted to Grace E. Starr Tyson of Greenwich from John H. Tyson, a millionaire automobilist, by Judge Burpee in Bridgeport. The hearing had been before John J. Walsh of Norwich as a committee, and the recommendation of a divorce with \$10,000 alimony and \$300 a month was accepted and confirmed.

Gymnasium Completed.

The new gymnasium at the Connecticut literary institution at Suffield will be ready for use about January 1. Manager Leo Canty of the institution arranged a schedule of 15 games and the first one will be played with the Cheshire school quarter January 15.

Anemia.—The expense incurred by the board of health during the scarlet fever epidemic, which it was said would amount to almost \$2,000, will not exceed \$600.

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