OTHER THAN POLITICAL.

Things of Which the People of New York Do Talk the Most.

How Much Older Is Mrs. Frank Leslie Than Her English Husband.

Dates Recalled by an Impudent Man—Teaching Immigrants at Night Schools in New York.

[Written for THE HELENA INDEPENDENT.]

THEORETICALLY NEW YORK IS talking about nothing but politics. But, as a matter of fact, the metropolis takes its politics complacently after all. It leaves the newspapers to do a good deal of the political talk and manages to discuss a great many other things.

Nothing is a nine day's wonder in New York. A wonder of forty-eight hours displays a superb vitality, so that in the time elapsing between the writing of these words and the actual printing of them at least one fair-sized wonder is likely to sprout, flourish and decay.

Of course, everybody talked about Mrs. Leslie's marriage. I can still write Mrs. Leslie, for it is understood between the two parties who have the right to reach that understanding that the bride is still to be known as Mrs. Frank Leslie, so far, at least, as commercial affairs are concerned, and Mrs. Leslie is essentially a business woman.

It was funny that every newspaper in New York save one had Mrs. Leslie married at the Church of the Stranger. The truth is of course, that the rather impromptu affair took place at Delmonico's. Dr. Deems, old Commodore Vanderbilt's favorite preacher, tied the knot. Dr. Deems, who is editor of one of Mrs. Leslie's publications, has delivered some charming lectures on matrimony. I remember hearing one of these as long as fifteen years ago. The fact that the droll little fellow, Marshall P. Wilder, the humorist, was one of the witnesses, gives everybody an opportunity to have a little joke about the groom being Wilde and the witness Wilder. Some said that the wildest was the Marquis de Leuville. Wilder once turned to me at dinner and asked me if heard the bad joke that the Londoner liked to get off when he was in England four years ago. The conundrum was: Why is the Yankee humorist like the Irish leader, O'Connor? Answer—One is a wild M. P., while the other M. P. Wilder.

Wicked people like to guess how much older Mrs. Leslie is than "Willie" Wilde. They remember that the lady was married to the late Frank Leslie in 1864, and that she had been married a certain number of years before she secured the divorce that made this marriage possible. But if Mrs. Leslie is as young as she looks—in a photograph—it is really out of place to recall these dates.

Another thing that has just been exciting gossip is Inspector Byrne's sensational raid on the pool rooms. The law forbids pool selling outside of the race tracks. To overcome this little restriction the pool rooms decided to take the ostensible position of agents for the track pool sellers, pretending to transmit bets directly to the race tracks and to be interested merely to the extent of a commission. To heighten the illusion they put in telegraph instruments, and it was pretended that each bet was transmitted directly to the track pool office. The "bluff" actually passed the scrutiny of the courts, which decided that bets could be received by agents in this manner. In fact, nothing of the kind was done. The betting was done in New York and the money passed and repassed in New York, and the betting man understood the situation perfectly.

Byrnes' device for trapping the pool sellers was ingenious. Detailing a corps of his detectives he had the men set their watches in harmony with the central office chronometer. Then he sent a detachment of the men to the race track to determine the exact moment at which each race started. The remainder of the men located themselves at four or five different pool rooms and placed bets on different events, keeping record of the time up to which money was received on each race. As was to be expected, when the track men telegraphed the time of starting it was discovered by comparison with the other records that money had been received in each case after the time when selling was stopped on the track, proving that the bets were not actually being transmitted. Down pounce the Byrnes men and the staffs of a batch of pool rooms are locked up.

This, of course, is only in illustration of those spasms of official morality with which New York is periodically seized. It does not mean, I am afraid, that the pool rooms are likely to go out of business.

The remarkable furore occasioned by the advent of ex-President Cleveland's baby daughter gave way before the torrent of speculation concerning the probable influence of Parnell's death upon the Irish home rule party. New York, it is to be noted, has always been to a considerable extent an anti-Parnell center. Whereas either Philadelphia or Chicago might have from time to time given evidence of more or less sympathy with the deposed Irish leader, the empire state metropolis has shown symptoms of coldness toward Parnell, turning with what to many may have seemed like inexcusable fickleness from the leader to those whom he had led. At any rate, New York seems anxious to believe that Parnell's death will heal the differences between the two wings of the party, and has been readier in his belief that the bitterness would disappear than have many observers in other parts of the country.

Teaching Them American.

New York finds itself from time to time with a big educational contract on its hands. Every year thousands upon thousands of Germans, Italians and Frenchmen learn in New York how to speak the English language—or you can call it American if you like.

Not only does New York struggle with the uninformed foreigner in the ordinary course of business and social life, but it makes a specific school house effort to place our interesting language in the possession of the new comers. The night schools are open and are crowded every night by a curious company of students whose specific object in a large number of cases is the mastery of the English tongue. To facilitate the education of the very large majority of German applicants, what are called "German classes" have been formed. These classes, of which there are sometimes half a dozen or more in a school, are presided over by teachers familiar with German and competent to impart English.

The pupils who go to these German classes often make up a picturesque company. The range of ages is extremely wide, extending from 15 to 50, and even higher. A flaxen-haired, youngish man, who gave his name at the registration the other night, and waited while the young man executed the spelling of his complicated patronymic, turned to the girl who was unmistakably a daughter of the Rhine, and who stood by with some awe and folded hands, and said: "This is my woman."

Man and wife, are indeed, not unfrequently seen at these evening classes. Sometimes the man has been in the country a little longer than the woman—long enough to earn the wherewithal to bring her over—and having a differing knowledge of the language they have to go into separate classes; for there is a graded system designed to facilitate work. Young servant girls hurry in at 7:30 and study with great diligence until the closing hour.

To the great bulk of the pupils attendance means a considerable sacrifice. Many of them do not reach their homes until nearly seven. By 7:15 they are hurrying out again to reach the school by the half hour. Their enthusiasm is fascinating, and no one who has witnessed the interest with which these people seize upon the opportunities for self-improvement will look with indifference on the movement represented by this evening school work.

Standing Room Only.

For all that New York has done in search of that ideal "rapid transit" which shall carry the hurrying populace to and fro from business as quickly as it wishes to go, and do so with approximate comfort to the traveler, the New Yorker is still having anything but an ideal time of it.

At the hours of the day when travel in the surface cars and on the elevated trains is heaviest a large proportion of the travelers are not only compelled to stand, but to stand in a huddled crowd. Morning and evening travel is almost entirely north and south, and at the shortest headway yet adopted in the elevated trains, with one train almost bumping upon the heels of another, there is still an unsightly and disgusting jam.

Now, even a New Yorker, who by long suffering is able to endure the hurts of city life with exceptional complacence, feels sore when, after a hard day's work down town, he is compelled to stand, holding to a strap, for the period of time occupied in his transit over whatever proportion of Manhattan island's thirteen miles may lie between his office or shop and his home.

They are telling a story of an Irishman who clung to the step of a car while it made its way up town. The man was very tired and at the outset of the journey speculated with pleasure on the probability that some people would soon get off. Every year the probability that people live away up town grows increasingly greater, and as street after street was passed the Irishman observed that the car-load continued to be just what it was when he started. At last, when they had passed 118 streets the poor sufferer muttered in hoarse despair

"My Gawd! have none o' yez any home?"

The "Hello" Girls.

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Yet without being cynical it might be asked, how much time do these girls have in which to use their reception room or their reading room? And would not a good many of them rather get out of doors for a breath of fresh air at lunch hour.

However, the scheme in a general way is too commendable an effort to find flaws in. The company means well. Give it its due.

A Moral Handcart.

Perhaps under the influence of the gentleman who philanthropically printed Scripture passages in his newspaper, a handcart driver that I know of has introduced an ingeniously new element in handcart practice.

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