

THE BIG FAIR IS BOOMING.

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE FROM OUT OF TOWN.

The Fair to be Continued Until Dec. 22—The Greater Company to Give a Concert This Evening—General Gifts From the Chinese Masonic Guild—Mr. Kollwagen Has a Good Lead for the Stuffed Goat.

OOMS are not all confined to the enterprising West. The Masonic Fair has a boom on that would make the Western real-estate dealer go hang himself in sheer despair.

Hundreds of visitors to the fair yesterday afternoon and evening had never seen anything as big as that before and enjoyed everything that they saw.

They were people whom the excursion rates had drawn from the interior of the State to the great bazaar. They are not wildly prodigal, however, in dropping dollar bills and snatching up fifty-cent chances.

In fact, if the black-eyed siren at the well is to be credited, some of them almost "kicked" at paying five cents for the lemonade which her fair hand dispensed to them.

Heaven knows, and so does the beautiful Rebecca, that a nickel is an extravagant price for a small glass of the weakly tintured fluid which she dispenses as an antidote to sensibility, but the man and the patronage at the well is distinctly masculine, who begrudges her five paltry cents for a glass of her lemonade ought to go away and die.

"Still I took in \$3.40 last night," Miss Rebecca said, doctored merrily along. The crowd surged and swayed, the unwearied maidens cried their chances and the visitors disgorged their wealth.

The stuffed goat remains unwilted, and still looks as if, in a moment of excitement, he might try to clear the Masonic apron which enfolds his Homeric breast. In P. Kollwagen, with 780 votes, is leading for the goat, and certainly his name entitles him to the blithesome ruminant. Inspector Williams has dropped to a poor third.

"The restaurant isn't half as well patronized as it ought to be," said Mrs. H. H. Brookway, who has charge. "If the crowds of shoppers in the big dry-goods stores on Sixth avenue knew that they could get in the elevator at the rate of a nice luncheon here without paying any admission fee to the fair, they might gladly help on the work. The country folk bring their lunch with them."

One country lady walked up to a kindly gentleman, who was distributing "Prof. Parrotts & Co.'s Lightning Eradicator," and extending a kid-gloved hand, asked him "to try on that."

The gentleman did, and after he had made one large spot quite clean the lady thought that she had better buy a box and clean the rest.

"The Widow" has not been duly noticed, and yet she is an awfully fascinating little blonde wavy widow. She wears a small infant—a widow infant, as it were—in her right arm, and spectators who are touched give Mrs. Smith a "mite" for the relief.

Col. F. K. Hin is voted the "Ideal Mason," though why the "most popular" and the "ideal" should not be synonymous in Masonic appreciation is a conundrum.

To-night the Gerster Opera Troupe, by courtesy of Henry E. Abney, will give an entertainment in the hall of the one Masonic vocalist, it seems, on the bill.

The Chinese Masonic Guild of Long-Go Tong-Ente gave \$500 worth of Oriental goods to the fair yesterday. The organization had already presented \$100.

Col. Ehlers was officer of the day last night. William Sherer will officiate in that capacity to-day.

Management has decided to prolong the fair up to Dec. 22. This will enable people to do more of their Christmas shopping at the booths.

The Astor Lodge, of which Mr. George W. Arnold is Master, makes up an attractive display, with its large variety of beautiful gift articles. Mrs. Steen presides at the booth, and is assisted by Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Luck, Miss Abbott and others, pictures painted expressly for the fair by Miss Parks is one of the attractions.

A YOUNG MAN SNATCHED THE STUD. Pawnbroker Bach's Story of the Robbery Near Police Headquarters.

Adolph Bach, the pawnbroker who was reported to have been lured by a woman into Mott street, opposite Police Headquarters, last evening and there garrotted and robbed of a \$500 diamond pin, called on Inspector Williams this morning and told his story.

A DULL DAY ON WALL STREET.

Many Brokers Anticipated It and Did Not Put in an Appearance.

A good many brokers and speculators anticipated a dull market this morning, and some of them did not come to the street at all.

Transactions were few and far between, and up to the appearance of the bank statement speculation was neither strong nor positively weak, except for a few shares.

Richmond Terminal was sold down 1/4 from last night's closing price on the declination of the Richmond & Danville Presidency by Mr. Inman, and reports that Flower and Rockefeller would refuse to take places in the Terminal Board.

The preferred, on the other hand, rose 2/10 to 57, and reacted to 56. The recovery was due to a vague rumor that the dividend will be declared after the Central and Canadian Pacific were somewhat higher.

The Vanderbilts, however, declined slightly, despite the statement of the New York Central and Lowell lines, which shows an increase in earnings for November of \$370,000, and for the two months ended Nov. 30, \$719,000, or over 11 per cent.

A big slug of Terminal has been sold by the Flower-Rockefeller party during the past few days, and it is not improbable that other capitalists, who still hold the stock, will demand some explanations from the managers at the annual meeting, as to the causes for the remarkable depression in the company's securities.

The big slump in R. T. and K. T. stocks and bonds is undoubtedly one reason for the squally show by the general public towards Wall street speculations.

The following applications have been made to the Stock Exchange to list securities:

New York City & Northern, \$3,000,000 stock, \$5,000,000 preferred stock, \$1,200,000 5 per cent. first mortgage bonds, and \$3,200,000 4 per cent. second mortgage bonds, both issues dated Oct. 1, 1887; Northern Pacific, \$400,000 first mortgage 6 per cent. bonds on thirty miles of new road; Mexican Central, \$1,700,000 first mortgage 4 per cent. bonds, \$341,000 income bonds and \$1,000,000 capital stock; St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas, \$750,000 first mortgage gold certificates and \$2,395,000 of capital stock for additional mileage in Texas.

Money has been in abundant supply at 3 per cent. The domestic exchanges are at last turning in our favor. Exchange in Chicago on N. Y. is 25 cents premium and in St. Louis, \$2.41, 124 & 134 1/2 for reg. 4s, and 125 & 125 1/2 for coupon 4s.

In railroad bonds Kansas & Texas issues were stronger this morning, consols selling at 107 1/2 & 108, St. P. 107 1/2, and 108 1/2 for 70, St. Paul, G. & P. W. 5s are nearly 1 per cent. higher, at 103 1/2.

Ohio Southern incomes fell off 1/4 to 92; Green Bay incomes 2/4 to 93; Hocking Valley, 94 1/2, 124 & 134 1/2 for reg. 4s, and 125 & 125 1/2 for coupon 4s.

THE QUOTATIONS. Open. High. Low. Close.

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Close. Rows include Canada Southern, Canadian Pacific, Erie, etc.

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Custom-House Appointments. Ethan H. Basford was promoted from \$1,400 to \$1,600 clerkship at the Custom-House to-day, and Edward Gardner, of Brooklyn, was appointed a messenger at a salary of \$340 per annum.

Brooklyn News at a Glance. Charles Lawrence and John Lander were arrested last evening as they were trying to sell an altar which was reported to have been stolen from a boy on Floyd street, Thursday evening.

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IS MILFORD, CONN., "HOODOOED?"

A Fire Added to its List of Accidents and Crimes.

Milford, Conn., Dec. 10.—The largest fire that has ever taken place in Milford occurred this morning. It was the burning of the Post-Office, town library, several stores and Gunn's block.

George A. Gunn is the Prosecuting Attorney for the Criminal Court of New Haven and owned the building in which the fire originated. It is supposed that the fire was started by an incendiary in revenge for the various liquor prosecutions that have been conducted of late by Gunn.

The fire was discovered about 2 o'clock this morning. The citizens turned out and with an old fire engine tried to subdue the flames. After an hour's fruitless effort, and when it was apparent that the whole town might burn, word was telegraphed to New Haven for assistance.

A special train and the Elm City's steam fire-engine arrived in Milford in less than fifty minutes, but the fire was found to be under control. Chief Hendrix, of the New Haven Fire Department, was in charge of the steamer.

The block was worth about \$10,000, insured for \$7,000. The loss of the town library is estimated at \$5,000, although it will foot up still higher when the old and valuable books are taken in consideration.

The fire is but one of a number of incendiary fires that have been started in Milford within the past few months. When taken into account with several railroad accidents, the killing of Conductor Munson and the injuries to Conductor Ross within the past week, it might be said that Milford is "hoodooed." Superstitious persons are becoming uneasy.

THE AUDITORIUM MAY NOT BE READY. Republicans Not Sure of the Big Hall for Their Convention.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—There is a large-sized revolt among the stockholders of the Auditorium building, in which it is proposed to hold the Republican National Convention, and there is a possibility that the trouble may prove so serious as to suspend work and prevent the completion of the building, where the convention is to be held, in time.

It is all over the change in the amount which the mammoth building is to cost. The prospectus upon which the stock was subscribed for set forth the sum for which it was to be completed at \$1,200,000. Now it is announced that \$2,000,000 will not cover it.

The returns on the investment were based upon the original estimate of cost, and the rents would have yielded 5 or 6 per cent. interest. At the later figures the returns will be merely nominal unless much higher rates can be secured.

John D. Jennings, the ninety-nine-year-old millionaire who owns the ground, is the principal kicker, and is said to propose offering his \$50,000 worth of stock at 10 cents on the dollar.

Ferd Peck, the projector of the scheme, is now in New York.

PRISONER LYNCH HAD A REVOLVER. Discovery of a Plot of Convicts to Escape from the Chicago Jail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Saturday last a 44-calibre revolver and over 100 cartridges were found in the cell of Michael Lynch in the Cook County jail.

He is the man who shot and killed Officer William S. Halloran, in July last, and last evening it was learned that the latter discovery prevented the carrying out of a well-defined plot to liberate half a dozen of the worst criminals in the jail.

Immediately on the finding of the revolver and ammunition Lynch was taken from his cell and placed in solitary confinement for over one hundred hours, manacled to the cell door and fed on bread and water.

All details have been suppressed by the jail officials, but it is known that the plan was to arm Lynch and a number of other prisoners, and getting them into the lawyers' cage on some pretense, have them all make a combined break for liberty, shooting down the guards if necessary.

The jail officials are much alarmed at the ease with which contraband articles smuggled to the prisoners.

Died in a Handy Place. Henry Weinberg, thirty-three years old, died suddenly this morning in the undertaking establishment 135 Broadway.

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We take great pleasure in announcing to our readers, and especially the young folks, that Mr. P. T. BARNUM, the great showman and everybody's friend, has consented to contribute a story from his own pen to the columns of THE NEW YORK FAMILY STORY PAPER. Read the following letter:

Murray Hill Hotel, Nov. 21st, 1887. Editor NEW YORK FAMILY STORY PAPER: Please publish at once all the chapters of my story up to the point where Tom goes to India in search of curiosities for my show. I have just sent him the following cable:

MY YOUNG FRIENDS.—I am now approaching the age of four-score years, and in the order of nature cannot remain among you much longer. There are many lessons I have learned during my long life which cannot be imparted so strongly on the rising generation.

All of you like stories, so I will tell you a story in which I can most forcibly teach those lessons and inculcate the virtues which every American boy can and should possess.

You will find "MY PLUCKY BOY TOM" a lad whom you will like, and you may be sure that the story of his adventures in India in search of curiosities which I have written for THE FAMILY STORY PAPER will interest and thrill you, and make you feel, when you are through, that you would be glad to read a good deal more about him.

Ever your friend, P. T. Barnum.

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VENTED HIS ANGER ON THE WOMAN. Henry Lovey, of Torrington, Shoots the Wife of His Partner.

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 10.—Henry Lovey and Xavier Guerdot, of Torrington, got into a quarrel over a farm that they own together.

Yesterday Guerdot went to get an officer to arrest Lovey, who was making trouble in the house. While he was gone Lovey attacked Guerdot's wife and shot her in the back of the head.

She ran into the yard, whether he pursued her and kept firing. After one shot in the forehead had knocked her down, he bent over her and emptied his revolver at her prostrate form.

Only two more shots hit her, one on the finger and one in the elbow. The ball in the back of the head cannot be found, and may prove fatal.

Lovey took to the woods, and it is believed he has killed himself.

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