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THE ISSUE DRAWN.

THE EVENING WORLD Children's Bill hangs in the balance at Albany.

This measure has been urged on the one hand in a fair, clean-handed, upright manner. It has been strenuously opposed by Mr. GERRY and his Bureaucrats by lobbying methods, gross misrepresentation and outrageous appeals to prejudice.

In emphatic favor of this bill stand the Supreme Court and the leading lawyers of New York; the unanimous resolutions of the Republican, Tammany Hall and County Democracy organizations; numerous ringing resolutions of meetings of business men and various societies; an overwhelming public sentiment, and, behind all and more powerful than all, the principle of Justice.

Against these are Mr. GERRY and his formidable array of automaton Bureaucrats, misinformed as to the nature and purpose of the very measure they oppose, seeking to maintain an autocratic power in New York that would be denied them in Russia.

Whatever the present issue, this cause, growing stronger and stronger in its righteousness, shall certainly prevail at last. THE EVENING WORLD has fought the good fight for ten months. It will fight it for ten years, but the cause of justice shall succeed in the end.

JUDGE BRADY STANDS BY IT.

Judge JOHN R. BRADY, of the Supreme Bench, boldly acknowledges the authorship of THE EVENING WORLD Children's Bill. He states in an authorized interview to-day that he drew it at the request of THE EVENING WORLD.

He further says that he proposes to stand by it; that it is just in principle and should prevail.

Thus is riddled another absurd charge of Mr. GERRY and his Bureaucrats in their campaign of misrepresentation against this humane and moderate measure.

WORLDLINGS.

The works of the French artist, Meissonier, that are to be exhibited at the Paris exposition are estimated at the value of 10,000,000 francs or $2,000,000.

In the stomach of a catfish caught at Henderson, Ky., recently were found a poker chip, a pocket corkscrew, a gold ring, a safety pin, a sleeve button, four silver dollars and several other articles.

Hugo Zieman, the White House steward, was at one time caterer for Prince Napoleon, who was killed by the Zulus. He receives a salary of $1,800 a year, and is under a bond of $20,000 for his good behavior.

One of the finest private residences in Washington will be the one that is now being remodelled by Senator Hearst. It is a double house, in the Colonial style, and was formerly occupied by Secretary Fairchild.

HE'S IN ENGLAND.

Gen. Boulanger Reaches London by Special Train from Dover.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

LONDON, April 24.—Gen. Boulanger arrived at Dover to-day on the mail steamer from Ostend.

A large crowd was gathered at the pier, and all hands cheered as the General stepped off from the boat.

A half hour was reserved for lunch at Dover before the start for London.

The President of the Southeastern Railroad, Sir Edward Watkin, placed a special train at the General's service.

HE REACHES LONDON.

LONDON, April 24.—The train from Dover bearing Gen. Boulanger has arrived at Waterloo station.

It was 3.20 in the afternoon when the train reached the city.

The General was driven to the Hotel Bristol, where he received a cordial welcome.

Boulanger was wearied and depressed.

The success of the efforts which had been pushed by his enemies to drive him out of Belgium had affected him deeply.

He seemed, however, to be somewhat brightened by the apparent heartiness of his greeting on British soil.

MAKING SUGAR DEARER.

The Wholesale Grocers Form a Pool and Run Up Prices.

The price of sugar is steadily advancing and the wholesale dealers are realizing a handsome profit by its sale.

The rapid advance in prices is due to a combination of wholesale grocers which was formed some time ago for the purpose of "protecting" themselves.

The association is nothing more nor less than a trust, and their main object has been to advance prices.

Early yesterday granulated sugar, which is taken as the standard, was sold at 8⅜c. Later in the day the quotation advanced to 8⅝c., with the prospect of the price going still higher.

Almost all of the wholesale grocers in this city are in the pool. When the Association was formed one of the agreements was that sugar should not be sold at less than a quarter of a cent advance on refiners' prices. At this rate the profit amounts to between $2 and $3 a barrel.

DECORATIONS GALORE.

Flags and Streamers Gay in Honor of Centennial Day.

The Whole Town Starts In to Adorn Itself with Finery.

An Enormous Sale of Grand-Stand Tickets in the Past Few Days.

This lively town gave itself an extra shake this morning and started in to adorn itself with an amount of gala finery that will astonish the outsiders who will be coming here in hordes between this and next Monday morning.

There are now only four working days to spare, and it is well to begin decorating in earnest, though everybody knows what wonders the people of Gotham can accomplish in a short space of time when they once set their minds to it.

Something has already been done in this direction, and the results so far are very satisfactory, but what the city wants to see next Sunday is a perfect blaze of color all the way up Broadway to Fourteenth street, and a vista of dazzling splendor along Fifth avenue from Washington Square to Central Park.

It will have it, too, for although the decorations completed up to the present time are comparatively few and far between the mania seems to have struck the town suddenly right in the middle of the week, and by Saturday there will be a festal display worthy of the great occasion which is to be honored.

Following out the suggestions made by the Centennial Committee as well as the appeal of the Mayor, the citizens who own or occupy houses along the line of the parade will not confine their decorations simply to flags and banners, or even strips of bright bunting.

There will be in many cases, if not in the majority, elaborative decorative designs covering the front of the buildings, if not entirely at least about the entrance, which will combine to form a novel and picturesque display.

At the same time there will be no lack of the flags and streamers in addition floating from windows and festooned from cornice to cornice, and completing a scene of gorgeousness and magnificence never before equalled in this country.

ARMIES OF DECORATORS.

Armies of decorators are everywhere busy from the Battery to Central Park and their services are in such universal requisition that those who have delayed their preparations until the last are discovering that the supply of artists is not sufficient to go all around.

For this reason not a few patriotic citizens who have caught the fever have been obliged to invent and execute their own designs.

This is not so difficult, however, as might be imagined, for there is already displayed a sufficiently large variety of designs to enable an ingenious person to obtain all the suggestions he needs.

BRIGHT WITH BUNTING.

In the downtown portion of the route the decorations of some of the most conspicuous buildings are well under way. Beginning with the Barge Office, which is bright with bunting and designs formed by a drapery of National banners about the façade, there are everywhere preparations going on for a fine display of color.

Old Trinity Church's weather-worn walls are half-hidden between broad stripes of red, white and blue, and flags are flying from its lofty steeple. St. Paul's Church will also be gayly dressed.

ILLUMINATION, TOO.

At the Equitable Building decorators are busy within and without putting everything in readiness for the lawyers' reception on Monday, and the handsome corridors will receive additional touches for the occasion. A display of electric lights will be one of the features there.

Wall street is going to do itself proud, and from the wharf at the East River where the President and his friends are to land all the way up to Broadway the buildings will be gay with colors.

EVEN THE CUSTOM-HOUSE TO BE BRIGHTENED.

Even the dingy old Custom-House will be brightened up, and the Sub-Treasury, which is now under the charge of Duncan & Johnston, is to present an appearance of transcendent magnificence.

Some of the other downtown buildings which are to be handsomely decorated are the Consolidated Exchange, the Washington Building, the Wells Building, the Standard Oil Company's Building, the Stock Exchange, Produce Exchange, Boreel Building, Western Union Building and the Astor House, where there is hardly an office window along the route that will not sport the National flag.

Something will be done, too, to give the big Post-Office Building a festive aspect, and Newspaper Row will not be left when it comes to a question of making an appropriate display.

SOME OTHER DECORATIONS.

Among the numerous business houses along the route up Broadway which are preparing elaborate ornamentation are Tefft, Weller & Co., John F. Plummer & Co., Sweetser, Pembroke & Co., Hackett, Carhart & Co., Eugene Peyster, A. H. King & Co., Max Stadler & Co., Harbison & Loder, Schloss Bros., C. F. Wildey, the Japanese Fan Company, Sullivan, Drew & Co.; J. G. Johnson & Co., Hornthal, Whitehead & Co., Daniell & Sons, the Vienna Bakery, E. J. Denning & Co., Macy's, Le Boutillier Bros., and the big Domestic Building at the corner of Union square.

Of course, the hotels along this part of the route will be decorated with all their best finery, and the Metropolitan, Grand Central, St. George, Morton House, Union Square and Everett House are already beginning to bloom out with bright trimmings and gayly colored designs.

MADISON SQUARE THE SPOT.

Some of the handsomest decorations will be in the neighborhood of Madison Square, and for these the Fifth Avenue Hotel, the Hoffman House, Victoria, Delmonico's and the Brunswick will come in for a large share of admiration.

Ornamentations on a large scale are also contemplated by the various club-houses on Fifth avenue, and among these the Union League, New York, Union, Manhattan and Lotos will lead.

Outside of the line of march there will be many brilliant sights in the way of decoration, particularly along Fourteenth and Twenty-third streets and Sixth avenue. All the large dry-goods and fancy houses, including Macy's, Simpson, Crawford & Simpson's, Altman's, O'Neill's, Koch's, Adams's, Ridley's, Lord & Taylor's, Ehrich's and Stern's, will be surrounded with a halo of bunting and flags, and at Macy's, in addition, the have show-windows are rendered attractive to the crowd by tableaux representing a number of interesting Revolutionary scenes, in which Washington is the conspicuous figure.

LARGE SALE OF TICKETS.

The sales of tickets for the grand stand have been very large during the last few days, and now there are only a few seats left for Waverley place and Forty-second street, while the City Hall siittings, in the hands of the Army Committee, have been reduced to about one hundred. None of the seats at Union Square were sold up to this morning, but the rate at which they have been going off since the sale opened at noon today indicated that few will be left to-night.

SPECULATORS ARE PROFITING.

That the speculators are getting a big share of the seats at all the stands is becoming every day more evident. Tickets can be purchased anywhere in town at the agencies at a bonus ranging from $3 to $5 above the regular price. Seats for the Worth Monument and reviewing stands are usually held at $10 apiece, though some have been purchased at $5 from the speculators.

The speculators' prices for Waverley place and Forty-second street are $4 and $5, and the same if not more will probably be charged for the Union Square bleaching boards. There is no telling what prices will be demanded on the day of the parade, but it is evident that the speculators are going to reap the richest harvest ever known in history, and they are correspondingly jubilant.

MR. FISH WON'T TELL.

It was currently reported this morning that the Entertainment Committee had now fully decided upon the speakers for the banquet, everybody invited to participate having been heard from, and, furthermore, that the list of ladies who are to dance in the Quadrille d'Honneur had been completed. For some reason or other Chairman Fish refuses to make these names public at present, and intimated this morning that it was the intention of the Committee not to publish them at all.

Those who are curious to know who the notables are on this occasion are informed by Mr. Fish that they will either have to attend the ball and see for themselves, or be contented to wait and read the names in next Tuesday morning's papers.

In the same way the names of the speakers are to be withheld until the night of the banquet. The Committee is pumping itself all around the Stewart Building because it thinks it owns a bit of exclusive information which the newspapers cannot get hold of, and it believes it is going to give the country the biggest surprise of the season when the right time comes.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

In reply to a request from the Committee that President Harrison would supply them with advance sheets of his address at the Sub-Treasury, the following letter has been received from Private Secretary Halford:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, April 23, 1889.

C. W. Bowen, esq., New York.

MY DEAR MR. BOWEN: In answer to your telegram, I have to say that if the President should prepare his address in advance it will not be before Saturday. It will be very brief, and I should scarcely think advance sheets would be at all necessary for the public press. I will let you know if he concludes to put on paper what he intends to say. Very truly yours,

E. H. HALFORD, Private Secretary.

MR. GERRY WON'T EITHER.

Commodore Gerry floated into the press rooms of the Committee about noon to-day in a sealskin cap and a red necktie. When asked if it was true that the Committee would hold back all the names of those who were to attend the banquet, speak or dance in the cotillion, he said very positively that it was.

"We have had enough trouble already by having our plans announced in advance, and we don't propose to take any more risks. That was what was the matter with McAllister—he talked too much."

It was suggested that Mr. McAllister had forgotten more about managing a ball than all the rest of the Committee combined ever knew.

"That may be," retorted Mr. Gerry. "He knew too much, and that's why he had to go. The press isn't going to get anything about these matters till we get ready to give it."

THE N. Y. Y. C.'S SPECIAL STEAMER.

A special steamboat has been chartered for the New York Yacht Club and its friends for the naval procession, which will leave the foot of West Twenty-sixth street at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Among the committee to receive the President at the collation and reception at the Lawyers' Club are Messrs. George G. Haven, jr., and Alexander Stewart Webb, jr., the latter being the great-grandson of Gen. Alexander Stewart Webb, one of Gen. Washington's aides-de-camp.

OVERWHELMING BARGAINS.

Messrs. Ehrich Bros. Are Selling Out Preparatory to Removal.

Preparatory to removal to their new building on Sixth avenue, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, Messrs. Ehrich Bros. are offering large bargains at their Eighth avenue stores, which are cheapness in addition to excellence of quality, cannot be excelled in this or any other city. Messrs. Ehrich Bros. intend to open their new store with an entire new stock of goods, and consequently they will not carry away a single dollar's worth of goods from their Eighth avenue stores, "even," as one of the firm facetiously said, "if we have to sell the balance of our stock at auction." There is hardly any danger of that, however, as the low prices are commanding an overwhelming sale. Just look at these prices and judge for yourself.

Persian trimmings, the former prices of which ranged from 25 cents to $1.25, are now selling for from 15 to 98 cents. Ladies' cloaks, from a mixed cloth jacket for 97 cents, to a beaded silk wrap, silk lined, for $2.99. Suits of clothes for boys from four to twelve years, dark blue and gray flannel, for 98 cents. Then there are housefurnishing goods, carpets, fancy and men's furnishing goods, ladies' underwear and children's wear, that must be seen to be appreciated.

Married with a Stab Wound in His Breast.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

PITTSBURG, April 24.—Samuel Little took out a license yesterday afternoon to marry Sue Baumeister. Soon afterward he got into dispute with Capt. Shanafelt, and received a severe stab in the breast from a pocket-knife. Little's wound was dressed and he was married at the appointed time, although the wound may prove fatal.

Robbed Her Benefactor.

Mary King, a homeless woman, was fed and housed for a number of days by Mrs. Quigley, of 464 West Twenty-sixth street. She repaid Mrs. Quigley's kindness by stealing Mr. Quigley's best pair of trousers, and was arrested while trying to pawn the garment. She was held for trial in the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning.

The Closing Quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Clos.
American Cotton Oil	54¾	55¾	54¾	55¾
Atch., Top. & Sante Fe	41¾	42⅝	41⅝	42⅝
Brunswick Land		27½	27	27½
Canada Southern	52¾	52¾	52¾	52¾
Cleve., Col., Cin. & Ind.	68⅞	68⅞	67	68
Chesapeake & Ohio	17⅝	17⅞	17⅛	17⅛
Chicago Gas Trust	49⅝	50⅞	49⅝	50
Chic., Burl. & Quincy	97⅞	98⅝	97⅞	98⅝
Chicago & Northwest	105¼	105¼	105¼	105¼
Chic., Mil. & St. Paul	84¼	84¼	84¼	84¼
Chic., Mil. & St. Paul pfd.	104¾	105	104¾	105
Chic., Rock Is. & Pacific	92	92⅝	92	92⅛
Cin., Ind., St. L. & Chic.	10[illegible]	10[illegible]	10[illegible]	10[illegible]
Col. & Hocking Valley	17¾	18¼	17¾	18¼
Colorado Coal & Iron	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝
Consolidated Gas	80⅞	80⅞	80⅞	80⅞
Del., Lack. & Western	136¼	137¼	136⅝	137¼
Delaware & Hudson	134¼	135¼	134¼	135¼
Lake Shore	102¾	102¾	102¾	102¾
Lake Erie & Western	18¾	18¾	18¾	18¾
Lake Erie & Western pfd.	58	58⅛	58	58⅛
Louisville & Nashville	66	66⅞	66	66⅞
Memphis & Charleston	65	70	65	70
Michigan Central	80¾	80¾	80¾	80¾
Missouri Pacific	70¼	70¼	70¼	70¼
National Lead Trust	21¼	21⅝	21¼	21⅝
New York Central	107	107	107	107
N. Y. & New England	43¼	43¼	43	43
N. Y., Lake Erie & West	28⅛	28⅛	28	28
N. Y., Lake Erie & West pd	69⅞	70	69⅞	70
N. Y. & Northern pfd	20	20	20	20
N. Y., Susq. & Western	7¾	7¾	7¾	7¾
Norfolk & Western pfd	50¾	50¾	50¾	50¾
Northern Pacific	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
Northern Pacific pfd	60¾	61	60¾	61
Ohio & Mississippi	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝
Oregon Railway & Nav.	88	88	88	88
Or. Transcontinental	30¾	31⅛	30¾	31⅛
Oregon Improvement	47⅞	48	47⅞	48
Oregon Short Line	35¾	36	35¾	41
Pipe Line certificates	81¼	83¼	81¼	82¾
Philadelphia & Reading	44⅞	44⅞	43⅞	44⅞
Philadelphia Gas	87	87	87	87
Pullman Palace Car Co.	188¾	189	188¾	189
Rich. & W. P. Ter.	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝
St. Paul & Omaha	33⅝	33⅝	33⅝	33⅝
St. Paul, Minn. & Manitoba	94	97⅞	94	97⅞
St. Louis & San Fran.	22⅝	23⅛	22⅝	23⅛
Sugar Trust	93⅞	93⅞	93	93¾
Texas Pacific	20¾	21	20¾	20¾
Tennessee Coal & Iron	39¾	40¼	39¾	40¼
Tol., Ann Arbor & N. M.	26¾	27⅞	26¾	27⅞
Union Pacific	59⅝	60⅛	59⅝	60⅛
Wabash, St. L. & Pacific	14¾	15	14¾	15
Wab., St. L. & Pac. pfd.	27¾	28¼	27	28¼
Western Union Tel.	85¼	85¼	85¼	85¼
Wheeling & Lake Erie	66⅝	67⅛	66⅝	66⅞

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"For years my blood was in an unhealthy condition. My legs, arms and face were covered with scrofulous humor, and all the medicine that I received of the physicians did me no good. I was advised to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. After taking four bottles the sores were all healed up. And after using six bottles, which cost me only five dollars, I was well and healthy as I ever was. I owe it all to this valuable medicine." FRED J. M. WEBBER, Lincoln, Mass.

"With the first bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla, my appetite, which had disappeared and where before I could not muster up an appetite for my meals, I cannot now get enough meals to satisfy my appetite. I am at present taking my second bottle, and feel like a different person." WILLIAM LANSING, Post 49, G. A. R., Neenah, Wis.

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HE DREW IT.

Judge Brady Was the Author of "The Evening World" Children's Bill.

He Says It Is a Just Cause and Will Prevail.

A Bombshell for the "Herald," Mr. Gerry and His Bureaucrats.

Mr. Elbridge T. Gerry and the New York *Herald* in their campaign of misrepresentation against THE EVENING WORLD Children's bill have repeatedly scoffed at THE EVENING WORLD'S statement that it was drawn by a Judge of the Supreme Court. The ridiculous charge is made that it contains forty-seven errors and that nobody who knew anything about law had anything to do with it.

AN AUTHORIZED STATEMENT.

Judge John R. Brady, of the Supreme Bench, now authorizes THE EVENING WORLD to state that he was the author of the amendment. "I DREW IT UP," he says, "AND SHALL STAND BY IT."

Judge Brady explains that it is with reluctance that he is brought into the controversy. But in view of the charges made he deems it his duty to come forward as a peacemaker.

HOW THE BILL ORIGINATED.

He wishes it stated that his connection with the amendment began in an interview with an EVENING WORLD reporter, who asked him in what way a review of the proceedings in the commitment of children could be brought about.

He replied that this could be done by an amendment of section 7 of the Act of 1884.

AT THE EVENING WORLD'S REQUEST.

Afterwards at the request of THE EVENING WORLD he framed the amendment substantially as below, with the exception that a word was added by a friend.

THE AMENDMENT AS ORIGINALLY DRAWN.

7. All proceedings under this section (*Sec. 291, Chap. 676, Laws of* 1881, *and Chap. 46, Laws of* 1884), when a commitment shall have been made, shall be subject to review by any court of record, upon certiorari on the facts and the law, and in such a proceeding the commitment order or judgment may be affirmed or reversed or modified in such manner and to such extent as may seem best, or a rehearing of the charge ordered.

Judge Brady is careful to state that the clause providing that all action under the bill must be taken within thirty days formed no part of his original draft. It was added by the Legislature.

JUDGE BRADY SAYS HE IS AS CONFIDENT AS EVER OF THE MERIT OF THE AMENDMENT. IT IS A JUST CAUSE AND HE FEELS SURE IT WILL PREVAIL.

CRUEL WIDOW RUSSELL.

SHE HAS YOUNG FAY ARRESTED FOR STEALING HER FIBRE STOCK.

Charles Fay, a young clerk, was bemoaning his fate in the Jefferson Market Prison this morning when an EVENING WORLD reporter called on him.

Fay is confined there awaiting a hearing of the charge made by Widow Elizabeth A. Russell, of 222 East Twenty-third street, who swears that young Fay stole 100 shares of stock in the American Fibre Company, which she claims is worth $500. Fay was arrested by Detectives Titus and Mullarkey on a warrant issued by Justice O'Reilly.

In her complaint Mrs. Russell swears that on March 19 Fay came to her residence, 116 Lexington avenue, and represent that he had a purchaser for the 100 shares of stock which she then held. He asked her to deliver the stock to him, and he promised to give her the money that night or the next morning.

She believed him and parted with the stock. He failed to keep his word and has not settled with her since.

When Fay was questioned this morning he said: "It's all a mistake. If Mrs. Russell knew that I was here all night she wouldn't stay away a minute.

"The stock was worth nothing. The American Fibre Company has been reorganized under the title of the American Consolidated Fibre Company, with offices at 45 Broadway.

"The woman had been offered one dollar for the stock for over a year. When I took it I told her it might be worth $25. I gave it to a friend to dispose of, and a week later he sold it at that figure.

"When I went to the house Mrs. Russell had moved, and I couldn't learn where she had gone to. Oh! how could she have me arrested! I was so good to her. When she was sick I called at the house and took care of her—a regular nurse, you might say—and when she lost her dear, little yellow dog, I got the detectives to find him.

"'Little Beauty'—that was the dog's name—was missing for some time and his mistress grieved sadly.

"After considerable trouble I managed to get the detectives to trace him up, and after a long search he was brought back to his sorrowing mistress.

"I know that when she sees me her heart will melt and she will withdraw the charge," he concluded.

Mrs. Russell, his accuser, was seen at her present home, 222 East Twenty-third street. She claimed that the stock was as good as gold. She was indignant at the statement that Fay had acted as nurse, and that he had employed the police detectives as dog-catchers.

"When I lost Beauty I called at the police station and told the captain the trouble. A few days afterwards Detective Mullarkey called, and I gave him a description of the dog. He was yellow, and a sweet little fellow, too. Some days later the dog was returned to me, and I rewarded his rescuers. Fay did not act honestly, and I will have him punished."

The Queen Alarmed for the Duke.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

LONDON, April 24.—The reports of the illness of the Duke of Edinburgh alarm the Queen.

His fever shows no signs of abating.

Directions have been sent to the Mediterranean to hasten the Duke's return home.

More Than the Doctors Could Do.

To Messrs. W. B. RIKER & SON,

DEAR SIRS: I have been a sufferer for over six months with very severe pains about the chest and stomach. I write to say that your RIKER'S COMPOUND SARSAPARILLA has entirely cured me (which was more than several physicians could do), and that I now enjoy BETTER health than ever before. Every one should take your medicine for pains and aches of the body. Respectfully yours, JOSEPH F. BURATTA,
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CITIZEN TRAIN'S FAST.

He Hasn't Eaten Anything in Six Days and Is Still Starving.

Psycho, He Says, Is Forcing Him on to Abstain from Food.

He Is Losing Two Pounds a Day, and His Doctor Says It Will Kill Him.

Citizen George Francis Train is in the midst of a severe pervasive fast. Lent is over, but Psycho has not permitted the Easter hilarity to withdraw him from his path of abstinence.

THE EVENING WORLD reporter was taken up to the modest room on the sixth floor of the Continental Hotel in which Citizen Train nests for that small portion of the time in which he is not in the open air. Mr. Train was still abed. He wore a nightgown trimmed with red, and over it a blue sack coat. He was backed up by pillows, and resembled a transplanted Sultan.

"Good morning," cried the Sage of Madison Square. "Shake your own hand," he continued, clasping his left hand with his right in warm greeting. "I haven't shaken hands with any one for fifteen years."

Mr. Train's flamboyant beard was gone. Only the iron-gray mustache remained. His face was palpably thinner but just as hardy a bronze as ever.

"I understand you are fasting, Mr. Train, and I came to learn your motive for this abstinence," said the reporter.

"Yes, I am fasting," the citizen replied. "Why? Why, because I weighed 196 pounds, and every pound of adipose is two pounds of death. I am going to abolish poverty and death by this fast. See the great principles involved in it?"

"I began on the 18th of the month. But for two months before that I had only eaten ten cents' worth of Lyonnaise potatoes and bread in the morning and drank one cup of coffee in the evening. Twenty-five cents a day for my food! See how poverty goes?

"Two years ago I fasted for six days and reduced myself to 178 pounds. With this fast I am taking a Turkish bath every day at Dr. Miller's, so it is double-barrelled, you see. Dr. Miller says I will kill myself."

"How long do you intend to keep up this fast?" inquired the reporter.

"I don't know. I have no control over what I do. I am impelled by Psycho. I don't know one hour what I am going to do the next. When I started I had no thought except to get this rot off me," and Mr. Train absent-mindedly grasped a fold of corrugated fat which lay near at hand on his person. I got this rot from talking to grown-up people who do not live as I do. They gormandize and drunkenize. I talk now to grown-up people. I don't want to go back to silence."

"They've given up calling me a crank," said George Francis, cheerily, "but I am more of a crank than ever. Grown-up folks don't understand the mystery that envelopes me, but children understand me at sight.

"I am a mystery to myself. Out of 15,000 children I never had one go back on me. I love children.

"In the morning I go out to my seat in the park and they flock around me. I had 400 of them yesterday. The policeman is kept busy moving the people on. My 400 are not the Four Hundred they talk about in the papers."

"Do you drink anything, Mr. Train?"

"For the first four days I didn't drink a drop. I began to decompose," Mr. Train said, placidly, "and you know decomposition is death. Now I drink a tumbler of water every day."

"I don't feel any hunger. I am all right except my legs are a little weak. I lose a pound or two every day in the Turkish baths, where I spend most of the hour which I give to it in the hot-room."

"I am so conscientious about my fast that I wouldn't eat a peanut in the park the other day when I cracked one for one of my children."

"What do you mean to break your fast on when you get through?" said the reporter.

"On bread and water, and the probability is that I shall live all the rest of my life on that. Tanner broke his fast on a watermelon. I put him up to his fast. He couldn't have gone through it without me. He used to come and sit on my bench and absorb psychism. He tried to do it without water. Tanner went to gormandizing and drinking the moment he got through," continued Citizen Train, with an accent of scorn.

"Now he's going to do the Indian business out in Chicago and be buried for six weeks. If he does he will not come out alive. Mark my words! It is a trick in India, and I know it and Tanner doesn't.

"This Centennial," Mr. Train went on to say, irrelevantly but prophetically, "is going to be a fizzle, and Jay Gould will bust up in sixty days.

"There's yellow fever in the air. I am not doing this for notoriety or for money, but for self-preservation. That is the first law of being. I sit here and write things like this," and Mr. Train held up a small sheet covered with poetry. "I'll read it to you. If THE EVENING WORLD only knew enough to get such things as this I'd guarantee an increase of 200,000 papers before next January.

"All these sudden deaths come from adipose," and then Mr. Train, with immense ardor, read a poem on the Oklahoma Boomers, a very spirited composition, which seemed more rythmic to the ear as he rolled out the verses than it does to the eye when reduced to cold type.

"There! Not an erasure or interjected word in the whole thing. I may fast a hundred days. I shouldn't stop if I felt impelled to go on. It would be a defiance to death. Nobody but an entailed idiot is afraid of death. Why should they be?"

"Well, some people are afraid of being damned," said the reporter, with orthodox simplicity.

"Those are the entailed idiots. They don't know any better. I know. But Ingersoll is fool enough to go round trying to prove the thing."

Mr. Train is still fasting.

A Funny Quest for Wives.

Seated just inside the entrance of Worth's Palace Museum are two as grotesque specimens of the genus freak as were ever placed on exhibition in New York. They are J. W. Coffey, the skeleton dude, and Henrick Schlummenberger, the fat German, who have so extensively advertised in the city papers for wives.

Coffey weighs but fifty pounds and dresses in the extreme of fashion, while the German tips the beam at 300 pounds and clings tenaciously to the costume of the Vaterland. Both are characters in their "weigh" and both evoke roars of laughter at each hourly lecture.

Mr. Silliman a Candidate.

Dock Commissioner Charles A. Silliman, whose term of office expires May 1, is a candidate for reappointment, and his pretensions are supported by numerously signed petitions and recommendations in the hands of the Mayor.

Mr. Silliman was appointed by Mayor Hewitt in place of Commissioner Stark, deceased, last December.

Since that time he is said to have cast his lot with Tammany Hall, and is a member of the Sagamore Club, the Tammany Hall Club, of Harlem.

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PAID FOR TWICE.

The City Badly Mulcted for the Hart's Island Crib.

Contractor John F. Dawson's Low Bid Explained at Last.

Commissioner Shearman May Care to Make an Explanation, Too.

That the pledges of Tammany Hall to give the city of New York a pure, honest and reform government were not empty promises is exemplified in an investigation now being conducted by the Commissioners of Accounts.

This can be better understood when it is known that party reasons do not enter into the case, and that the official whose acts are being investigated is a Tammany Hall adherent—none other than President Thomas S. Brennan, of the Board of Charities and Correction.

About six weeks ago THE EVENING WORLD exclusively announced that Commissioner Brennan, whose term of office expires May 1, would not be reappointed by Mayor Grant, and the reason is being developed by this investigation.

Recently, however, a positive charge of corruption was made which Commissioners Holahan and Barker deemed it their duty to investigate.

This charge was made in connection with the construction of a crib bulkhead on the west side of Hart's Island in 1881-2-3.

John F. Dawson was the contractor and Commissioner Brennan had supervision of the work.

From the testimony taken it appears that Contractor Dawson was absolved from furnishing over 14,000 cubic yards of stone filling for the crib, which was supplied and put in by the city under order of Commissioner Brennan.

While it does not appear that Dawson was paid for this stone and work he did not do, it is apparent that he secured the contract because he bid lowest for the stone work of all the competing contractors.

In fact his bid was ridiculously low—27 cents per yard—and experienced men have testified that he could not have delivered the stone for the sum he bid, much less have purchased it.

The other bidders offered to put in the stone at from 75 cents to 90 cents per cubic yard, supposing that they would have to finish it.

William P. Kelly was one of the witnesses examined this morning.

He is a member of the dock-building firm of B. Kelly & Son, who were the lowest bidders for the work on the first advertisement, and Dawson was ridiculously high on all the specifications except the stone.

All of these bids were thrown out by Comptroller Campbell and proposals were readvertised for when Dawson was the lowest at $30,460, $13,110 less than his first bid.

He still maintained his ability to furnish stone at 27 cents.

The contract was accordingly awarded to him.

Mr. Kelly said that Dawson was not known as a dock-builder. He had no practical knowledge of anything but horses, of which he is a fancier, and had no plant to do the work.

It was considered a mystery how he was going to do the work.

The sub-contractors, Wentz & Purple, to whom Dawson let the contract, Mr. Kelly said, are not known among the dock builders.

Capt. John McCarthy, pilot of the charity boat Minnehannock, was pilot of the city tug Fidelity while the crib on Hart's Island was being built, and said that he towed all of the stone which was used to sink and fill the crib.

It was taken from the quarries on Blackwell's Island, and some was taken from Randall's Island. Still other of it was supplied by tearing down stone walls on Blackwell's Island.

All of the work was done by the convicts under the direction of keepers in the pay of the city.

Wm. M. Dunphy, a deputy-keeper at the workhouse, and John McCaffrey, a Tombs keeper, both of whom were employed on Hart's Island when the crib was constructed, gave similar testimony about the work being done by convicts at the city's expense.

Similar testimony was given yesterday by Warden Lawrence Dunphy and Keeper John Bapp, of the Blackwell's Island Workhouse, by Warden Vought, of the Almshouse, and Osborne, of the Tombs.

The fact that Dawson was not compelled to furnish stone seems to indicate that he had been previously informed as to what would be required of him. Yet it was because he was low on stone that he received the bid.

Had stone not been considered in the award Joseph Walsh would have been the lowest bidder by nearly $7,500.

A queer discovery has resulted from this investigation, which places ex-Commissioner of Accounts Wm. P. Shearman again in an unpleasant light.

This contract was investigated by Commissioners of Accounts Shearman and Adamson in 1886, yet they never sent in their report to Mayor Grace, nor did they, apparently, make a thorough investigation.

They examined but four witnesses, all favorable to the defense, and it took them four months to do this.

The only witnesses examined were Commissioners Brennan and Porter and Contractor Dawson and Engineer Haswell, of the work.

Other witnesses were ready to be examined, but were never called, and the whole thing was smothered.

TEMPORARY ELEVATED STAIRWAYS.

They Will Be Erected for the Public During the Parade.

Col. Hain, General Manager of the Elevated Railroad, said to-day that he had secured permits from the Department of Public Works to erect temporary stairways at several convenient points on the four lines, in order to accommodate the people during the Centennial parades and festivities. These stairways are to be only temporary, and will be taken down on May 3.

"The Company will do all in its power to add to the success of the celebration," said Col. Hain. "We will run all the trains possible, and as close as we can, with frequent trains at night.

"I have received no official report of any interference with the erection of the temporary stairways."

A Valuable Sword Stolen.

Inspector Byrnes to-day issued a circular descriptive of a valuable sword, formerly the property of Admiral Andrew H. Foote, U. S. N., stolen from the r