

LAWYERS' BENEFIT.

Legislative Measures That Meet Official Opposition.

Senator McMahon's Bills for the Protection of Insane Patients.

The two bills introduced in the Legislature last week by Senator McMahon, at the instance of the Lunacy Law Reform League, which have been printed in full in THE EVENING WORLD, are causing much discussion, especially among those interested in the care and treatment of the insane, both in public and private institutions.

The second bill applies only to such institutions as are supported entirely or partially by the state, and aims to protect the inmates against cruelty or harsh treatment by the asylum authorities by placing such institutions entirely under the control of Boards of Trustees, who are required to visit the asylums at least once a week and carefully inspect the premises, giving particular attention to the manner in which the inmates are cared for and treated.

Advocates of these reforms expect to meet vigorous opposition, and it is evident that steps are being taken to fight both the bills when they come up for a hearing in the legislative committee.

President H. H. Porter, of the Board of Charities and Correction in this city, said in an Evening World report:

"All the institutions under our charge are conducted in such a public manner that the visits of the patients by the public are viewed by hundreds of people every week, and I do not believe it is possible for a patient to be confined in any of our asylums who is not really insane.

"While I am strongly in favor of any measure to ameliorate the condition of the unfortunate in insane asylums, I think it a very bad plan to allow them to be continually writing letters to persons outside, and directing them up to make efforts for their release. I would demoralize the discipline of the asylums, and interfere with the treatment of patients and afford opportunities for making mischief."

"In the case of the second bill we have no interest in the matter, because none of the institutions under our care receive any aid from the state.

"I think the change proposed of placing under the control of the Board of Trustees, would interfere seriously with the work of the State Board of Charities and Correction, who now exercise supervision over all the State and county asylums.

"I have no doubt that the old county poorhouse system insane patients were badly treated and kept in miserable quarters, but existing law has aimed to do away with such abuses.

"I think it would do no harm if asylums were visited every day in the year, and to place the supervision by the proper authorities the better it would be. This recommendation I heartily favor, but when it comes to interfering with the work of the State Board, I think it would be a great mistake, and such a proposal is sure to meet with strenuous opposition.

"It seems to me that the two bills now before the Legislature have been very hastily and carelessly drawn, and I do not think they should pass in their present form."

CRAZED BY THE GOLD CURE

W. B. Earle's Family Will Sue for \$100,000 Damages.

Legislators to Investigate the White Plains Institution.

Now that the Legislature has got after the Keeley tide-ride of gold cures for the drink habit, there seems to be trouble ahead for the White Plains institution for reforming half-wild drunks.

The resolution which was introduced by Senator Endres, of Buffalo, yesterday, and has been referred to the committee on Public Health, provides for the investigation of the so-called tide-ride of gold treatment, with particular reference to the character of the remedies and their effect upon the health and physical and mental constitution of patients.

There have been many reports recently of injury to health caused by the Keeley treatment, and an official investigation of the matter is being conducted by the medical details of this secret and mysterious form of pathology is in the interest of the public welfare.

If the resolution is adopted, a legislative committee will be appointed at once, and will begin to examine witnesses, reporting the result of the investigation to the Senate next week.

The resolution recites the facts that the drug used is said to contain strychnine, and that the use of this in many cases led to mental derangement and even death of the patients; that the belief in the medical profession, and the fact that it is believed the public health is being endangered by the medical details of an institution which pursues such treatment.

Friends and assistants of Dr. Keeley profess to court this legislative investigation of the bichloride cure, and declare that it will be the best advertisement for the institution at White Plains.

Meanwhile, it is said that the friends of Walter B. Earle, a former patient of the institution, who died insane after undergoing the treatment and being discharged "cured" of his insanity, are endeavoring to make things lively for the Keeley people.

They claim that Earle's death was directly caused by the bichloride of gold treatment, and are making arrangements to bring an action for \$100,000 damages against Dr. Keeley and his associates.

The matter is now in the hands of Charles A. Earle, a cousin of the ill-fated Keeley patient, and a clerk in the Assembly Chamber at Albany. The parents of Walter B. Earle are old people and live in Yonkers. His tragic death some months after his discharge from the White Plains institution, was a violent shock to both of them, and his aged mother has been in a state of nervous prostration ever since.

Dr. Hays, Superintendent of the institution, is said to have observed Earle's tendency to an insane condition after his treatment, and neglected to inform any of his relatives of this fact.

The treatment, it is said, was continued without regard to those symptoms, and Earle was loaded up three or four days with bichloride of gold, or strychnine, as the medical profession call it, until his nervous system was completely wrecked, and he died as a result of the treatment.

The death last week of young James G. Fair in San Francisco, is believed to be another case of the danger which is believed to attend the bichloride treatment, and it is reported that existing law has aimed to do away with such abuses.

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FIGHTING FLORENCE'S WILL.

A Brother of the Late Actor Objects to Its Probate.

Intimation that a More Recent Will Has Been Suppressed.

The contest of the will of the late Billy Florence was formally begun today in the office of the Probate Clerk, Mr. Leonard, of the firm of Leonard, Fowler & Leonard, appeared there for Edward B. Conlin, own brother of the actor, who objects to the probate of the will on the ground of irregularity in its execution.

The will is dated May 5, 1876, and bequeaths all his property to his widow, Edward B. Conlin, who is a clerk in the Street-Cleaning Department, says:

"I do not care for the money. I can earn my living. But I know that this will is not the last will of my brother. His widow knows it is not, and I propose to see justice done. That is all there is about it."

Mr. Conlin refused to speak further on the subject, but August Reymert, attorney for the contestant, says:

"The will offered for probate bears its own conclusion the name 'William J. Florence,' and is in different ink and in quite dissimilar style."

"Presumably one of these wills will be contested by the contestants, as the signature of the testator made at the time of drawing the will and attested by four witnesses."

These witnesses were Richard H. Bowne, 177 Second Avenue; George W. Zener, 114 Duane Street; William H. Dakin, 414 Broadway; and A. E. Schmitt, 333 East One Hundred and Eighty-ninth Street, New York.

Now, can these witnesses or either of them swear which one of these alleged signatures is the signature of the testator? In the attack on the will, the contestant in an ink of different color from that used in the rest of the document. After the usual contest, it is for the court to decide whether this is not a fatal irregularity of the document."

Florence left four brothers—Edward B. John, Benjamin and Inspector Peter Conlin—and a sister, Mrs. J. W. Hart, of Washington, The actor's brother, Mr. J. W. Hart, was also a sister. Should the will be broken and no other set up in its place, the contest, Mrs. Hart and the children of Commodore Tucker would share in the \$250,000 estate left by Mr. Florence.

But Inspector Conlin has already declared that during his last sickness, Florence told him he had made a codicil, in which he had provided for his brother John, who is a paralytic and a cripple, and for the widowed sister, Mrs. Hart.

Inspector Conlin, too, that Florence spoke of this codicil to Mrs. Hart, but that on both occasions his speech was interrupted by the stroke of a paralytic, which was a paralytic and a cripple, and for the widowed sister, Mrs. Hart.

After his death, Mrs. Florence received the key to his strong box in a safe deposit vault, and the contents of the will, including the codicil, were found in it.

It is believed that the will was suppressed, and that the contestant is endeavoring to bring an action for its recovery.

BEGINNING TO EXPORT GOLD.

Half a Million Ordered for Shipment To-Morrow.

Prices Advance, Notwithstanding, All Along the List.

Wash. Special, Friday, Feb. 19.—The near approach of a double holiday had the effect of restricting business at the stock exchange this morning. Nevertheless, the market was strong, and this due to the engagement of \$200,000 of gold for export to Europe by the American steamships, Hotelbach, Ketchikan & Co. will be the shippers.

An efflux of specie has been generally expected, but the intelligence just received had practically no effect on speculation. Prices advanced by 1/16 per cent, the callers and Chicago has being the special favorites. The latter sold at the highest figure it has ever attained, on reports that the company had secured control of the Economic.

The stock was taken in round amounts, making a take-up of \$10,000 and Hamilton 4,000.

London came lower, the decline being attributed to the failure of a big bucket-shop keeper in that city. The leading bulls here, however, paid no attention to the foreign market, but kept on buying, and after making a bid for shares at the best figures of the day.

President Hill of the Great Northern, says that the road will be at Spokane by April, and to the coast by July.

Reading was put up on a report that the company had secured control of the Economic. Sterling exchange was firmer for short bills and cables, with actual rates 1-3/4 above par.

The Louisville & Nashville earnings for the second week of February show an increase of \$100,000 over the same week of 1891, so far this month.

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A large number of local wheelmen are attending the cycling exhibition now being held at Philadelphia.

The Queens County Wheelmen will introduce several novel features at their entertainment on next night.

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The Metropolitan Wheelmen will hold a reception about March 1.

Hooker Brothers' employees will have a reception at the Metropolitan Hotel to-morrow.

A PERFECT JAM.

TREMBLING EXCITEMENT.

There was a young maid of Patchogue, Who wanted to lay a pug doggie.

Yesterday the crowd was a great one for the first time in the grand opening of the first floor of the new building of the First National Bank and Trust Company, located at the corner of Nassau and Broadway streets. The building has been used for one week as a temporary office for the bank.

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REAL ESTATE.

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Is a fine Calf Shoe, made seamless, of the best leather produced in this country. There are no tacks or wax threads to hurt the feet, and is made as smooth inside as a hand-sewed shoe. It is as stylish, easy fitting and durable as custom-made shoes costing from \$4.00 to \$5.00. This shoe has been on sale in New York City over eight years, and has given excellent satisfaction, as the increasing sales show. We are now selling more shoes of this grade than any other manufacturer in the world. Try a pair—you cannot make a mistake. One trial will convince you that it is the Best shoe in the World for the Price.



W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$2.00 SHOES for Ladies are made of the best Dongola. They are very stylish, durable and splendid fitting. They meet the wants of all classes. Every lady who buys a pair of these shoes gets a bargain.

W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.50 POLICE CALF SHOE is made with three heavy soles, Extension Edge; it gives excellent satisfaction to those who want to keep their feet dry and warm. If you want to walk with ease, buy this shoe. One pair will do for a year.

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THE MAN SHE LOVED.

Years of Devotion Brought Mark Evelyn Happiness at Last.

"And you married me," her husband said, quietly—so quietly that Elizabeth was startled.

She treated his words as a question.

"I don't know why? I was wretched—I wanted to leave home—to see new sights, new faces. I wanted someone to help me forget that I had given my heart to a man who did not care for me."

"And so you married me," Mark Evelyn said again.

"Six hours before that they had stood side by side, vowing to cleave unto each other until their lives lasted. Their wedding had been a noted one. Mark Evelyn was the 'catch' of the season. Elizabeth Gilman

WORK OF THE CENSUS MEN.

One Enumerator Expected to Find 8,000 Souls in His District.

Deputy County Clerk Scully said today that none of the census enumerators has yet turned a return of his work in the County Clerk's office.

It is doubtful, he added, if they do so before the last day of the month, as they are allowed only a few days to do so.

Mr. Scully said that an enumerator in his district—the sixth Assembly—told him last Friday that he had not yet turned in his report, and that he had only a few days to do so.

Brothers United Even in Death. Two brothers, living in different towns on Long Island, died within twenty-four hours of each other during the week.

Augustus C. Graham, well known in the hardware and gun trade in this city, died on Wednesday of Whitewater yesterday, and his brother, James V. Graham, died at Flushing Wednesday of congestion of the brain.

SPECIAL NOTICES. WHATEVER IS THE BEST BREAKFAST FOOD? Delicious, cooks in one minute. 25 cents all grocers. Health Food Co., 51 Centre.

THE POETESS OF PASSION SUES TO UNDO HER MATRIMONIAL HARD KNOTS.

Tarrytown's Poetess of Passion, Minna Irving, having failed to realize her dreams of happiness in the state of matrimony, claims public attention today, not in the line of a new poem, but as the plaintiff in a prosaic suit for limited divorce from her husband, Irving's former partner, whom she married two years ago.

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Do Not Be Deceived.

Persons with weak lungs—those who are constantly catching cold—should wear an Alcock's Porous Plaster over the chest and another between the shoulder blades during the cold weather. Remember it always strengthens and never weakens the part to which it is applied. Do not be deceived by imagining any other plaster like it—they are not—may look it, but looks deceive. Insist always on having ALCOCK'S POROUS PLASTERS the only reliable plaster ever produced.

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