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AGAINST ALIEN OWNERS.

AN EFFORT TO CORRECT THE EVILS.

A BILL BEFORE THE HOUSE TO RENDER ALIENS INCAPABLE OF HOLDING LANDS IN THIS COUNTRY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The House Committee on the Revision of the Laws, which has had under consideration a number of propositions to amend the act of March 3, 1887, which prohibits aliens from acquiring property in the Territories of the United States, or in the District of Columbia, in a report submitted to the House says that it has ascertained, "with reasonable certainty, that certain noblemen of Europe, principally Englishmen, have acquired, and now own, in the aggregate about 21,000,000 acres of land within the United States." The committee has not sufficient information to state the quantity of land owned by untitled aliens, nor does it consider that important.

This alien non-resident ownership, the committee thinks, will in the course of time lead to a system of "landlordism" incompatible with the best interests and free institutions of the United States. Further on the report says:

The avarice and enterprise of European capitalists have caused them to invest many millions in American railroad and land bonds, covering perhaps 100,000,000 acres, the greater part of which under foreclosure sales will most likely before many years become the property of these foreign bondholders in addition to their present princely possessions. It is thus manifest that if the present large alien ownership is an evil, of which we have no doubt, the probabilities of the near future still more imperatively demand legislation for its prevention. This aggressive foreign capital is not confined to lands it has purchased, but, overlapping its boundaries, has caused hundreds of miles of the public domain to be fenced up for the grazing of vast herds of cattle, and set at defiance the rights of the honest but humble settlers.

In proof of its assertions, the committee cites numerous cases of estates held by aliens. A Mr. Scully, for instance, lives in England, and is a subject of the Queen, but owns 90,000 acres in the State of Illinois, occupied by hundreds of tenants, mostly ignorant foreigners, from whom he receives as rent $200,000 per annum, and expends it in Europe. The Scheuley estate, consisting of about 2,000 acres within the city limits of Pittsburg and Allegheny, from the rents of which the Scheuleys, who are subjects of the British Queen, draw annually not less than $100,000, is another instance of alien landlordism in America cited by the committee.

The new bill proposed by the committee is simple. It declares all foreign-born persons who have not been naturalized incapable of taking the title to lands anywhere within the United States except a leasehold for not exceeding five years. It has no retroactive operation. It places all persons alien to the United States Government under the disability to take real estate or immovables which the civil law imposed. By that law deeds of conveyance of immovable property were void on account of the absolute incapacity of the grantee, if an alien, to take or hold the land.

SUMNER AND CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE.

THE SENATOR'S ANXIETY—ACTION OF THE SUPREME COURT BAR.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—About fifty members of the bar of the Supreme Court assembled in the court-room at 12 o'clock to-day to make a formal expression of their respect for the late Chief Justice. Senator Edmunds was called to the chair and Clerk McKenney of the Supreme Court was named secretary. Attorney-General Garland offered fitting resolutions, eulogistic of Judge Waite. They were seconded by Assistant Attorney-General Maury. Judge Shellabarger drew a parallel between the late Chief Justice and the most eminent jurists of English history.

"I remember," he said, "that in the Senate Chamber, and in the hours which immediately preceded the vote on the confirmation of Chief Justice Waite, Senator Sumner called me to him and asked about the character of Mr. Waite. In reply I then described the nominee as I do here now, but Mr. Sumner said: 'I hesitate—I fear, we stand at an epoch in the country's life—in the midst of revolution in its constitutional progress—at a nascent stage in the development of some of its institutions, and I long for a Chief Justice like John Marshall, who shall pilot the country through the rocks and rapids in which we are.' I repeat his words as nearly as I can. I asked Mr. Sumner to point the President to a few John Marshalls standing in waiting and I would guarantee the nomination of at least one of them to the Chief Justiceship. Mr. Sumner said he would require some time to look around."

F. W. Hackett, who was secretary to Mr. Cushing during the Geneva Arbitration, spoke feelingly of the kindness manifested by the late Chief Justice toward young practitioners at the bar, and Senator Evarts, who was Judge Waite's classmate in college, described the latter's course as a student when he manifested the germs of those qualities which have since developed into the characteristics described by the other speakers—integrity, firmness, kindness, gentleness, patient research and breadth of judgment.

The resolutions were adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

THE SENATE SITS ON SATURDAY.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE—SPECIAL CERTIFICATES.

Washington, March 31.—Mr. HOAR asked leave to present to the Senate to-day, a memorial from the Icelandic Educational Society of Winnipeg, Dominion of Canada, praying for an appropriation for a thorough examination of the records of the Vatican and other librarians, and for a public recognition of Lief Ericson of the first discoverer of America; but he was reminded by the presiding officer that, under the rule, no petition, memorial or other paper signed by the citizens or subjects of a foreign power, can be received unless transmitted by the President.

Mr. STANFORD, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported the resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish a statement of appropriations and expenses for public buildings since March 4, 1885. Adopted.

Among the bills introduced and referred were the following:

By Mr. DANIEL—To make Inauguration Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia.

By Mr. VOORHEES—For the issue of specie certificates redeemable half in gold coin and half in silver bullion.

On motion of Mr. SHERMAN, the House joint resolutions, accepting the invitation of the French Republic to take part in the International Exposition in Paris, from May to October, 1889, was taken up and passed with amendments. The amendments increase the limit of expenditure for the Commissioner-General from $5,000 to $10,000, and for the nine subcommissioners from $1,200 to $1,500; and increase the appropriation from $200,000 to $300,000.

Mr. HISCOCK introduced a bill appropriating $50,000 for a monument at Sackett's Harbor, New-York, to commemorate the battle fought in that vicinity of the year 1812. Referred.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of bills on the calendar that were not objected to. Among the bills passed was one appropriating $50,000 for a public building at St. Albans, Vermont.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. STRUBLE, of Iowa, in the House asked unanimous consent for the consideration of the Senate bill for the erection of public buildings at Sioux City. Mr. M'MILLIN, of Tennessee, objected, saying that while he did not wish to antagonize the bill, the appropriation bills were further behind than ever before, and he desired that they should be disposed of so as to enable the House to consider the Revenue bill which would soon be brought before it.

In the consideration morning hour the discussion was resumed upon the Union Pacific Railroad Funding bill. The measure was opposed by Mr. ANDERSON, of Iowa. That the career of the Pacific Railroad Companies had been criminal, and that they had robbed the Treasury of hundreds of millions of dollars, was, he said, conceded everywhere. In reference to the Union Pacific Company, he declared that so far from its being under a new management, the direction of the road to-day was in the hands of, and controlled by the old Credit Mobilier gang. The political party which did not think it important enough to dignify the matter of the control of the Pacific railroads by resolutions in its National platform would not be entitled to, and should not receive, the confidence of the American people. Mr. DALZELL, of Pennsylvania, advocated the passage of the bill. As to the Credit Mobilier scandal, he denied that the men who controlled the Union Pacific Company at that time were the same who controlled it to-day.

The morning hour having expired, the bill went upon the calendar as unfinished business; and the House proceeded to the consideration of bills reported by the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Several private land measures were passed and then the House went into Committee of the Whole on the bill to establish a United States Land Circuit and to provide for a judicial settlement of private land claims in Arizona, New-Mexico and Colorado.

EDITING THE REBELLION RECORDS.

CHIEF CLERK DOUGLAS'S TESTIMONY CONTINUED—HOW THE STORY GOT OUT.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Before the Sub-Committee of the House Military Committee to-day Chief Clerk Douglas, of the Adjutant-General's office continued his testimony relative to the alleged insertion of improper matter in the rebellion records. He read twelve names of persons which had been inserted in the list he prepared of the members of the 15th Pennsylvania present at the battle of Murfreesborough. Upon looking over the muster-rolls witness found that these twelve persons were marked absent from their troops, having been promoted to be lieutenants. The names had been inserted in the list by a clerk named Woods in the Inspector-General's office, who explained that he had inserted them to make the roll conform to its purpose. The captains had been put on by a clerk in witness's office named Kelley, who made up the roll, and witness had no doubt that he did it on his own responsibility. To Mr. Hooker, witness said he could not tell who had any interest in having names inserted or dropped from the list.

Colonel Lazelle, of the records publication office, was recalled. He said that the words "compared with and confirmed by the official records of the Adjutant-General's office, War Department," which preceded the printed list in the appendix, had been inserted by him. He had caused inquiry to be made as to how the matter under consideration by the committee had gotten into the newspapers as it had before the volume of the record had been published. He had ascertained that the Public Printer had said that Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, had sent for and been furnished with the sheets of the publication containing the matter. The first newspaper publication had been made over General Boynton's initials.

HENRY M. PITT GOING TO BOSTON.

HE TAKES THE PLACE OF MR. SEYMOUR AT THE MUSEUM.

BOSTON, March 31 (Special).—The proposed departure from Boston of William Seymour, the talented actor and stage manager of the Museum, is regretted by the patrons of that popular establishment. Mr. Seymour has been identified with the Museum for several years, and is not only a skillful stage manager but also an excellent comedian. "The Journal" announces this afternoon that Mr. Seymour's place is to be filled next season by Henry M. Pitt, now a leading member of the Madison Square Theatre company, the arrangements having been completed on Friday.

Mr. Pitt was last seen in Boston in the character of "Louis Percival" in "Jim the Penman." He is an excellent actor and also author of several dramatic sketches. His father was Charles Dobbin Pitt, tragedian, and the son was born in Albany, N. Y., thirty-seven years ago. He made his debut in 1865 in England, playing in a comedy entitled "Under the Rose." Afterward as stage manager of the Queen's Theatre, Manchester, he began experience in directing theatrical affairs, and later on managed entirely a company playing "The Two Roses," "Appleblossoms," and other pieces in the English provinces. Mr. Wallack secured him for Wallack's Theatre in New-York, and there Mr. Pitt made his American debut in "The World." Afterward he joined Augustin Daly's company at the time "Odette" was bought out, and then turned his services to the Madison Square with a brief starring intermission, in the course of which he played in "The Two Roses" at the Park Theatre in this city. Mr. Pitt while in England married Miss Fanny Addison, an accomplished English actress, who played leading lady in his travelling company.

A TOBACCO PIPE CAUSES MURDER AND SUICIDE.

EFFINGHAM, Ill., March 31.—Mrs. Henry Lane, the wife of a farmer living a few miles from here, was killed by her husband last night, and he shortly afterward committed suicide. From the story of the children it seems that Lane started to light his pipe near the kitchen fire, when his wife objected. The quarrel grew violent, and Lane seized a knife, and stabbed his wife fatally in the side. When he observed the effect of his murderous blow, he went out in his barn and hanged himself.

ARRESTED IN MONTREAL FOR FORGERY.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Samuel W. Gillespie, confidential bookkeeper of Brown & Obert, left the city for Canada on Sunday. Members of the firm say that an inspection of his books showed that by means of raised and forged checks Gillespie had embezzled over $3,000. He was arrested in Montreal yesterday, and an effort will be made to have him extradited on a charge of forgery.

WHERE TO CAST YOUR FLIES.

ALBANY, March 31.—Seth Green is quoted as expressing confidence that trout fishing will be excellent this year in Jefferson, Oneida and Onondaga Counties, where certain streams were stocked by him three years ago. As the law is off to-morrow, except in the Adirondack preserve, which is protected until May 1, this information is of interest to sportsmen. Mr. Green especially names Felt's Mill Creek and tributaries, and Sandy Creek, in Jefferson County; Sugar River, Orishany Creek and tributaries, in Oneida; west branch of Sugar River, in Lewis County; east and west branches of Canada Creek, in Herkimer; and Onondaga Creek, in Onondaga.

A FOOD PRESERVATIVE RE-DISCOVERED.

CHICAGO, March 31.—What William H. Daniels, of Englewood, thinks is a rediscovery of an ancient embalming fluid has led him to organize a company here to utilize the preparation in preserving various articles of food for household and commercial purposes. He claims that meats, fish, eggs, butter, milk, berries, other fruits, flowers and other perishable things may, after being treated with the composition, be kept in the open air, regardless of ordinary changes of temperature, for weeks and even months, without losing flavor or freshness.

A NEW BANK IN EAST BOSTON.

BOSTON, March 31.—A certificate of organization was filed to-day by the Enterprise Co-operative Bank of East Boston. The capital stock is $1,000,000. The officers are Jonathan Chase, president, and Horace B. Butler, treasurer.

IOWA'S NEW RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

DES MOINES, March 31.—Frank T. Campbell, whom Governor Larrabee has appointed Railroad Commissioner, was four years Lieutenant-Governor, and previously, while in the State Senate, took an active part in the movement which culminated in the Granger Tariff law for the control of railroads.

PINK-EYE IN A CHICAGO STABLE.

CHICAGO, March 31.—Thirty-four horses in a brewery stable here, have been sick with "pink-eye" this week, in consequence of the importation of a St. Louis mule afflicted with the malady.

BOSTON'S BIG YACHT FLEET.

MORE CRACK BOATS IN THE HARBOR THAN IT EVER HELD BEFORE.

Boston, March 31 (Special).—Yachtsmen are making preparations for a busy season. There will be more crack boats in Boston harbor next summer than ever before. D. J. Lawler is at work designing a clipper fishing schooner for Captain Cannon, of the Carrier Dove, which he believes will excel all other vessels of her class. She will be 93 feet beam and 10 1-2 feet deep. She will have a hesper quarter and V stern raked, and will be similar to the Sylvester Whalen forward. A. D. Story has contracted to build her, and it is expected she will be launched in July. Her tonnage will be about 112 internal capacity.

The yachts America, B. F. Butler owner; Vega, F. E. Ferguson owner; Actea, David Sears owner; Frolic, H. H. Fuller owner, and Belle, Theodore Harold owner, are lying at Chelsea Bridge. The America will not go into commission until the latter part of May, and this season's cruises will be confined to the New-England coast. The Vega will be overhauled, and about the first of May will start on a northward cruise. Halifax will be visited, after which she will continue as far as Labrador. The Actea will not fit out until late in the season. A winter cruise to the West Indies is under consideration by the owner. The Frolic will go into commission about May 30 and will remain in New-England waters this season. The Belle is being thoroughly overhauled and entirely refitted and redecorated. She will cruise along the New-England coast.

The Ambassadress, the largest sailing schooner yacht in the world, is lying at the Old Boston Bridge, near Winthrop. Work will begin on her in a few weeks and she will be put into commission about the middle of May.

The fast cutter Prince Carl will be launched from Williams's yard, City Point, next week.

The sloop Comfort, of the Comfort Yacht Club, will be put into commission on April 20. She is being thoroughly overhauled at present.

Webber, of City Point, will overhaul and put into commission about fifty yachts of various classes in April. There are forty-two yachts at A. A. Martin's yard, Jeffries Point—schooners, sloops, catboats and cutters—which will be overhauled and put into the water next month.

There is a sloop yacht in course of construction for Mr. Foster, of East Boston; dimensions, 26 feet over all, 7 feet beam and 5 feet deep.

At Wood Brothers' yard there are sixteen yachts under repair which will go into commission in April and May. Wood Brothers are building a steam yacht for Litchfield Brothers, of Plymouth, which will be 76 feet over all, 13 1-2 feet beam and 8 1-2 feet deep; one for P. B. Fischer, of Marblehead, 45 feet long, 12 feet beam, 4 1-2 feet in depth; one for Frank Robertson, of East Boston, for use in Canada waters, 39 feet over all, 10 feet beam, depth of hold 3 feet 2 inches.

About the first of the week they will lay the keel of a steam launch for J. T. Gurney, 35 feet over all, 7 feet beam, 3 1-2 feet in depth.

The steam yacht Jackall, Frederick Cunningham owner, and the Nadia will be overhauled at once and put into commission.

A. D. Story is building a steam yacht at Taylor's yard, East Boston, for Mr. Sacomb, of New-York. She will be finished in about two weeks. Her dimensions are 122 feet over all, 100 feet keel, 20 feet beam, 10 feet 2 inches in depth. This boat will be fitted up with all modern improvements and conveniences.

NO CLAIM AGAINST UNCLE SAM.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYES WILL TAKE PAY IF THEY CAN GET IT—IF IT DOESN'T COME IT'S THEIR LOSS.

Boston, March 31.—Assistant Secretary Maynard has decided to allow Collector Saltonstall to carry on the Custom House here with the present force according to the plan submitted by the Collector. This involves paying the employes full salaries for March April and May and letting them take their chances of getting their June salaries from Congress. The collector will inform them that if they choose to work for the Government during June they will do so at their own risk. Pending a reply to the telegram the employes received their salaries for the last two weeks of March, but before they were paid off they were required to sign an agreement that whatever happened, whether they were suspended to-day or next week they would forego all claims on the Government for their salaries. They might still consider themselves in Government employ but without any certainty of compensation. It amounted practically to a request to stay in their places at their own risk. Every man signed the paper.

THE FIRE RECORD.

LOSSES IN VARIOUS PLACES.

Pittsburg, March 31.—A fire broke out in Wilkinsburg, Penn., seven miles east of this city, last night. Edward Gillespie's book store, Colstan's tin shop, a restaurant and four dwellings were burned. The fire started in an empty house and its origin is unknown. It spread so rapidly that the occupants of the dwellings were unable to save their household goods and barely escaped with their lives. The loss is estimated at $15,000 to $20,000, with a small insurance.

Fall River, Mass., March 31.—A two-story house at Somerset Village occupied by Edward E. Marble, was burned last night with its contents. The loss is about $5,000 on building and contents; insurance on building, $2,500; on furniture, $600. The fire caught from a chimney.

NOTED PEOPLE AT ATLANTIC CITY.

ATLANTIC CITY, March 31 (Special).—The richest man who has been here this winter is Selah Chamberlain, president of the Chicago, Wheeling and Loraine Railroad. He is said to be worth $9,000,000.

The young daughter of William Davidge, jr., whose wife was Miss Maggie Harold, made a successful debut the other evening in "Nan, the Good-for-Nothing."

To the delight of everybody the new post office is open.

A visitor here is William McGlory, of New-York. When asked what he thought of Atlantic City, he remarked: "It is a long way from the Bowery."

John Hurley, of New-York, has purchased a building site on Pacific-ave.

Major Augner, of New-York, has purchased at cottage on Pacific-ave.

Mrs. Jansen, of New-York, gave a tea at the Traymore which was attended by all the fashionable.

William S. Shields, of Philadelphia, has purchased Howard's ocean pier and will make extensive improvements.

The cottagers and others who spend the summer here will make an appeal to the authorities to have regularly established this season at least half a dozen life-saving stations on the beach. These men, they say, should be paid by the city, and not, as at present, depend solely upon charitable visitors to give them money.

Mrs. Langtry is expected here at the close of her season.

Mrs. Darrach and Miss Edith Darrach, of Pennsylvania, descendants of Robert Morris, arrived this week.

Butler Mahone, son of ex-Senator Mahone, has been enjoying himself quietly here.

Mrs. William H. Vanderbilt and her son George are expected next week.

THE PHILADELPHIA CITY PRINTING.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31 (Special).—M. P. Summers, printer, filed a bill to-day in equity in Common Pleas Court against Joseph H. Palst and John Eckstein, clerks of Councils, and Edwin H. Fitler, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, to restrain them from awarding the contract for Councils' printing to Dunlap & Clark, in accordance with the recent action of the Printing Committee of Councils. The plaintiff avers that the contract was given by Mayor Fitler to Dunlap & Clark notwithstanding their bid was nearly $600 in excess of a bid by the plaintiff, who was the lowest bidder.

A MONUMENT TO JOHN ELIOT.

Boston, March 31 (Special).—It is proposed in about two years from now, on the 200th anniversary of the death of John Eliot, the "Apostle to the Indians," to erect a monument to his memory in the grounds of the First Religious Society, of Roxbury, in Eliot Square. Eliot was settled as teacher of the Roxbury Church in 1632, being a colleague of Thomas Weld, the pastor. The latter returned to England in 1640 and from that date Eliot was pastor till his death.

REPORTED EPIDEMIC OF HYDROPHOBIA

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 31.—In Jackson County an epidemic of hydrophobia among cattle of all kinds has broken out, and the farmers have lost thousands of dollars' worth of fine stock. A dog owned by Mr. Huffman went mad, and before he was killed attacked a number of other dogs, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, on several farms. Deaths among cattle are increasing. Cattle that have died from hydrophobia are laying in the fields, and persons are afraid to eat meat from that section.

A BENEFIT ASSOCIATION OF PRINTERS

NEW-BEDFORD, Mass., March 31 (Special).—The printers of New-Bedford and Fair Haven had a supper and musical entertainment this evening at the Bancroft House, a large number attending. The Printers' Benefit Association is four and a half years old, has a membership of fifty-five, has paid out $790 for sick benefits, $97 for death benefits and has $337 on hand. The dues are 10 cents a week, membership $1, and death assessments $1.

A SUCCESSOR TO TREASURER TATE.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 31.—Judge Stephen G. Sharp, of Lexington, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, has been appointed Treasurer by Governor Buckner to succeed the defaulting Treasurer Tate. The nomination was confirmed this afternoon by the Senate.

THE RICH HILL HORROR.

GROSS CARELESSNESS OF THE COMPANY.

THREATS OF LYNCHING THE SUPERINTENDENT—ALL BUT THREE BODIES RECOVERED.

Rich Hill, Mo., March 31 (Special).—The Keith & Perry mine, in which twenty-one men lost their lives on Thursday, was flooded last night for the purpose of driving out gases and foul air, and immediately afterward a relief party, headed by "Tom" Bennon, pitt boss, descended and recovered eight more bodies. Although the waters purified the air considerably, the danger was not removed, and four of the relief party fainted while dragging the dead to the shaft. They were quickly pulled to the shaft-opening and sent to the top, where they revived in a few minutes.

One of the rescuers, who nearly lost his life, was William Richards, and after he recovered consciousness his wife begged and pleaded with him not to go down again, but he disregarded her appeals and went bravely down and resumed the search.

All the bodies have now been taken out but three. Eighteen burned and blackened corpses repose in pine coffins in the blacksmith-shop. Old "Bill" McFarren was in the improvised morgue when his son's body was brought up. He was disfigured beyond recognition, and not until his boots had been removed did his own father know him. The old miner burst out crying, and as the tears trickled down his cheeks to his white beard he said: "I must go and tell his mother. God pity her! One son and two sons-in-law lie dead in his house to-night, and in the Blank cabin, just adjoining him, the three Blank boys and the dead husbands of their three sisters all lie in one room side by side."

The cause of the explosion has now become known. About fifteen days ago the west entrance sank several feet. It is about 300 feet from the shaft to the head of the western tunnel, and the beginning of the west entrance is 192 feet from the shaft. The entire entrance covered about two acres, and when it had settled the distance between the floor and the ceiling was six feet. After the settling the west entrance was not safe to work in, but timbers were put in and it was "bradished," or hermetically sealed. It is dangerous to seal up a portion of a mine, for gas collects in it and may force its way out. This the miners know and they went to Superintendent Sweeney and protested against leaving the west entrance in that condition. But the company was rushed with orders and could not afford to close the mines to repair that portion, and Sweeney so informed the men.

They then entered a protest and stated that they were sure an explosion would occur if the mine was left so, and they cited the accident which happened when the west entrance settled. An explosion occurred then and G. S. Gideon, John Gideon and an unknown negro, were badly burned. G. S. Gideon recovered, but he is still wearing bandages about his head and hands and body. Sweeney declined, it is alleged, to close the mine to repair the west entrance and the men have been anxious every day for fear an explosion would occur. It seems certain now that this chamber filled with gas, which kept pouring in until the pressure was so great that it was forced out of one of the crevices of the vein, and a miner passing ignited it with the flame from his lamp and the fearful loss of life was the result.

When the explosion occurred the feeling against Sweeney was bitter. The men avowed that he had been the cause of the accident and declared that they would lynch him on the spot, but when he stepped into the barrel and began his noble work of rescuing the men who were caught in the cage, and when that was done and he led the rescuers down the shaft and came up so horribly burned, they all forgave what they had considered his fatal carelessness and admired his heroism in so gallantly endeavoring to assist those who were dying and to recover the bodies of those who were dead.

Two strange presentiments were brought to light to-night. Mrs. William Kay, though almost frantic, said that on the night before the accident she dreamed that there was an explosion in the mine and that her son Clarke, a lad of fourteen, was killed. She begged him not to go to work Thursday morning and followed him to the shaft, pleading with him not to go down. But he laughed at her fears and descended. His body was brought up this afternoon. A similar dream came to John Gray, and when he left home in the morning he said to his wife: "I dreamed the mine exploded and that I was killed. If you see me coming home to dinner come and kiss me." He did not return to dinner, but Mrs. Gray was the first woman to arrive at the mine after the explosion occurred.

Thirteen of the dead men leave families. Of the sixteen men who were rescued alive ten will probably die from their injuries, their burns being frightful to behold.

THE SHEPHERD GONE ASTRAY.

HE WAS SO GIFTED IN PRAYER, TOO, AND WAS SO ATTRACTIVE IN MANNER.

Boston, March 31 (Special).—A dispatch from St. Albans, Vt., says that late last fall Benjamin A. Hill, a clergyman of the Methodist persuasion, arrived in the small town of Georgia, about eight miles south of St. Albans, and engaged in evangelical or revival work in Georgia and the sister parish of St. Albans Bay. He was a man of the most devout piety, to all appearances, of attractive manners, gifted in prayer, and with the attributes of a successful preacher. His labors resulted in the awakening of great religious enthusiasm, and one of the members of his flock was Miss Emily R. Post, age thirty-one, and after a brief acquaintance she succumbed to the fascinations of the popular preacher, and was married to him on January 16, 1888, by the Rev. A. W. Ford. Not long afterward it was learned that Mr. Hill had a wife and five children living in Seattle, W. T. Energetic action naturally followed on behalf of the good people of Georgia. The State Attorney caused the arrest of Mr. Hill on a charge of bigamy, and he was held in $10,000 for trial the coming term of the county court in April. In default of bail he was locked up in the county jail. He has published an open letter asking a suspension of public judgment, as "there are two sides to all questions," and he is fully satisfied that he can exonerate himself from all charges. He declared, when first arrested, that he had been divorced from his first wife, but he now declines to say anything further than that he will prove his innocence in due time.

A SOCIAL CLUB AT WORCESTER.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 31 (Special).—A new club was formed in this city last night. It is composed of the leading business and professional men of the city. 118 of whom have signed its membership roll. Senator George F. Hoar is president. The initiation fee is $100 and the yearly dues are $60. The club thus starts off with an available capital of about $12,000 and an assured annual income from dues of $7,000. It was voted to purchase the house of Isaac Davis in Elm-st., and expend $10,000 in fitting it up for club purposes. This is the first club of the kind in central Massachusetts.

BENJAMIN E. HOPKINS SENTENCED.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 31.—Benjamin E. Hopkins, late assistant cashier of the Fidelity National Bank, who has been in jail for two months awaiting sentence under a conviction for violation of the National Banking law, was brought into the United States Court this morning and was sentenced to the penitentiary for seven years and two months. He appeared broken down from illness, but did not manifest deep emotion upon receiving his sentence.

THE NEW-YORK METHODIST CONFERENCE.

NEWBURG, N. Y., March 31.—At this morning's session of the New-York Methodist Conference, the Rev. B. H. Burch and the Rev. M. D. Crawford were elected reserve ministerial delegates to the General Conference. Addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. W. A. Spencer, assistant secretary of the Church Extension Society; the Rev. Dr. Buckley, Editor of "The Christian Advocate"; President Vleck, of Wesleyan University, and President Hanlon, of Pennington Seminary, N. J. S. J. Ferguson, D. L. Marks and A. K. Sanford were elected conference trustees. The report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was read. Presiding Elder A. J. Palmer read the report of the New-York City District. He said:

"One peril to the nation is from the incoming of foreign ideas hostile to the Christian Sabbath, to the Bible and to the cause of temperance. We applaud when the Mayor of New-York declares that this is not Ireland or Germany, but America, and that no other flag than the American flag shall float above the City Hall." (Great applause).

THE WEDDING OF MISS FELLOWS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 31.—A dispatch to "The Evening Journal" from Pierre, Dak., says: "Post Trader Robb, of Fort Bennett, brought the first authentic report of the marriage of Miss Fellows and Chaska, her Indian lover. The wedding took place Wednesday, March 28, at Swift Bird's Camp. The Rev. Mr. Handforth, an Episcopal clergyman, recently from Africa, officiated. The marriage would have taken place sooner, but Handforth insisted on publishing it three Sundays before he would perform the ceremony. Miss Fellows presented Chaska with a gold ring engraved: 'Cora to Chaska.' The wedding was followed by the usual all night dance, after which the married pair went to their new home."

A SMALLPOX PATIENT FROM NEW-YORK.

BOSTON, March 31 (Special).—A man, recently from New-York, suffering from smallpox, was discovered in this city in time to save many people from the contagion. Last night James Wilson, who was recently one of the patients at Gallupe's Island, ill with smallpox, was in a bar-room in North-st. when he noticed a man somewhat intoxicated leaning up against the bar. Looking at him sharply he was surprised to discover that he was ill with smallpox. He went out and told an officer, who in turn warned the Board of Health. In two hours the man was in the Canterbury Street smallpox Hospital and the bar-room was thoroughly fumigated. The man, whose name is Thomas Cross, said he had arrived in New-York on a vessel loaded with molasses from Havana and that the mate was ill at the same time with the same disease. They both passed the quarantine at that port.

PLANS OF ACTORS AND MANAGERS.

"Dolores," which will be produced at Niblo's to-morrow night by Bolossy Kiralfy, is a new version of Sardou's greatest historical play, "Patrie." This admits of elaborate spectacular effects and two ballets have been introduced. The piece has met with considerable success in other cities. Eleanor Cary and Newton Gotthold head the company. In August Bolossy Kiralfy will open the season at this house with a new play, "Mathias Sandorf."

Signor Marconi, tenor, and Signora Tetrazzini, soprano, of the Campanini Opera Company, are expected to-day on La Champagne.

"Partners," by Robert Buchanan, will be presented to-morrow night at the Madison Square Theatre. Alexander Salvini will have in this play the best part he has yet had a chance to create.

The National Opera Company, at popular prices, ranging from 50 cents to $2, is the attraction this week at the Academy. The programme is: Monday, "Nero"; Tuesday, "Queen of Sheba"; Wednesday, "Tannhauser"; Thursday, "Faust"; Friday, "Flying Dutchman"; Saturday matinee, "Nero," and at night, "Lohengrin."

"The Wife," having passed its one-hundred-and-fiftieth performance, seems destined to add at fewest another fifty to the record. Manager Frohman has been kept in his house the last few days by slight illness.

Margaret Mather, in a round of legitimate parts, will occupy the Standard Theatre this week. She will be followed by "A Possible Case." There may be some changes in the original cast before the production here.

Herrmann, with his conjuring and diablerie, to which he has added many new and surprising features, will occupy the Star this week. As usual, he will be accompanied by his wife and the clever juggler, D'Alvini. Following Herrmann, will come James Owen O'Connor in comedy. From all accounts his performances will be likely to attract attention.

Philip C. Brayton is engaging a company to play Edwin Atwell's new comedy, "His [illegible]," at the Amphion Academy in May. The character is that of an English nobleman, who comes over here, engages in various speculations and, wonderful to relate, does not lose his money.

Clara Morris will begin to-morrow night a two weeks' engagement at the Fifth Avenue Theatre. She will be seen as "Renee de Moray" in Clinton Stuart's version of D'Ennery's "Martyre."

This is the last week of Mr. Daly's beautiful production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Next week Rosina Vokes will begin an extended season, when she will present several plays new to our audiences.

"Money" has drawn well at Wallack's. Toward the end of this week it will be succeeded by "She Stoops to Conquer."

Manager Amberg's combination of Barnay and Possart will undoubtedly fill the Thalia Theatre this week. The programme is: Monday, "Othello"; Tuesday, "Uriel Acosta"; Wednesday and Friday, "Die Journalisten"; Thursday, "Hamlet"; Saturday, "Die Bluthochzeit."

To-night Gilmore's 22d Regiment Band of sixty-five musicians gives an Easter concert at the handsome new Broadway Theatre, for which an attractive programme has been arranged. The management have also secured the following soloists: Annie Louise Tanner, Signorina Carlotta Maconda, Mlle. Helene Melline and the favorite baritone, Tagliapetra. This will be the only concert given by Gilmore's Band in this city the present season. The management announce that the box office will be open during the day for the sale of seats. Popular prices will prevail.

Imre Kiralfy has during the last seven months been making extensive preparations for the production of an elaborate spectacle called "Nero," at St. George, Staten Island, where it will be presented early in June. Robecchi, the French artist, is painting the new scenery and the three thousand costumes required are being prepared in Paris. Chevalier Blondin, the famous tight-rope artist, will also give a series of special matinee performances at the same place in June.

Gustave Mortimer, manager for Louis James and Marie Wainwright, is in the city preparing for their appearance at the Fifth Avenue Theatre on April 16, in an elaborate production of "Virginius." Mr. Mortimer has engaged William Harris, a well-known actor, for the part of "Appius Claudius."

Fanny Davenport and "La Tosca" continue to do well at the new Broadway Theatre, where the present bill will be continued until Saturday evening, April 28.

To-morrow night Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett begin an engagement of one week in Denver, where the prices for seats have been placed at $4 each, and all have been sold for several weeks in advance. The tragedians close their present season with the week of May 14 in Brooklyn.

The return of the Lacy and Arthur "Still Alarm" Company to the Fourteenth Street Theatre has been cordially welcomed by the patrons of that house. The trained horses, Pegasus and Bucephalus, who are so conspicuous in the exciting fire-engine scene, create great enthusiasm at every performance. The success of "The Still Alarm" is such that Manager Rosenquest has decided to continue the play indefinitely.

The Casino is the scene of great activity at present with the preparations for the production of "Nadjy." A staff of scenic artists, fifty dressmakers, a small army of stage-carpenters and property men are all busily engaged on the new production. Mr. Aronson is confident that "Ermintie" could easily run through the summer, but arrangements closed months ago compel its withdrawal early in May.

Manager J. M. Hill will give a professional matinee of "A Possible Case" at the Amphion Academy, Brooklyn, E. D., to-morrow. Boxes have been reserved for Managers Palmer, Daly, Frohman, Fanny Davenport and other prominent theatrical people.

"Corinne" will appear as "Monte Cristo, Jr." at Dockstader's to-morrow night, when the first American performance of this popular London success will be given. New scenery has been prepared and the costumes are said to be rich and tasteful. Over sixty people appear in the burlesque. Corinne will play the dual roles of "Edward Dantes" and the "Count of Monte Cristo" and the supporting company will include Harry Brown, Newton Chiswell, James Sturgis, Elsie Gerome and others. The ballets have been arranged by Mme. Sohlke.

Signor Marconi, the distinguished Italian tenor; Signora Tetrazzini, prima donna dramatica of the Royal Opera House in Madrid, and Signor Cleofonte Campanini are expected to arrive per La Champagne to-day.

Minnie Palmer will appear at the Grand Opera House to-morrow in her familiar play, "My Sweetheart." It will be her last appearance until after election, as she will depart early in May for London, there to play the first of five successive seasons, for which she is under contract. Hereafter, for that time at least, her work is to be divided between this and the mother country.

METHODS OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK DISCUSSED

About 300 earnest Sunday-school workers attended the sixth annual institute of the New-York Primary Union yesterday in the chapel of the Broadway Tabernacle. Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts was leader, and Mrs. Joseph F. Knapp musical leader. Caleb Knevals, for twenty-one years superintendent of the Broadway Tabernacle Sunday-school, presided at the morning session, which began with an exposition of to-day's lesson, "The Wedding Feast," by Mrs. W. F. Crafts. Professor Theodore Seward, president of the Tonic Sol-Fa Society, explained the advantages of his system as applied to infant-class singing; Mrs. J. S. Ostrander talked on "Reviews," and Mrs. Isabella C. Davis, who is associated with Edward Everett Hale in the conduct of the magazine, "Lend a Hand," spoke about "Interesting Children in Missions." At the afternoon session Mrs. Crafts spoke on "Temperance Teaching," and was followed by her husband, the Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, in a talk on "Foundation Truths." The last paper was by Ralph Wells, who treated of "Children and the Church."

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