## ABOUT SOCIETY.

Yesterday the murky weather interfered somewhat with the meets, which were nevertheless held at Meadow Brook and at West Chester. Besides the wedding of Walter Kemeys and Miss Stone, there was very little going on in the suburbs. The wedding took place at Morristown, which has become a centre of gayety recently. It will be there this evening that the dinner and dance in fancy dress in celebration of All Halloween will be held. There will also be to-day a run of the hounds of the new club at Goshen. Nearly all the guests of the weekly house parties in the country have arrived in town, but this week end will be prolific in entertainments of the same kind. Many will go for over Election Day, the men coming into town by early trains to vote and returning again in the early afternoon.

There have been a number of people in town. Colonel John Jacob Astor was here yesterday, as were also Mrs. Perry Tiffany, Mrs. George De Forest, Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies, Mrs. Robert Goelet and Mrs. Griswold Gray.

Colonel and Mrs. John Jacob Astor have decided not to go abroad this winter after all, if their son, Vincent, remains in good health. In that event they will stay in town until they go to Aiken, where they are said to have taken the William R. Travers place.

It is on December 13 and January 24 that the Assembly balls will take place at the Waldorf-Astoria. The patronesses are Mrs. Astor, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. William Bayard Cutting, Mrs. Duncan Cryder, Mrs. Brockholst Cutting, Mrs. Lloyd Bryce, Mrs. Henry I. Barbey, Mrs. Gerry, Mrs. Ogden Goelet, Mrs. E. H. Harriman, Mrs. C. Oliver Iselin, Mrs. d'Hauteville, Mrs. John Hone, Mrs. Adrian Iselin, Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, Mrs. James Russell Soley, Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Beverly Robinson, Mrs. J. Hampden Robb, Mrs. Geraldyn Redmond, Mrs. Moses Taylor Pyne, Mrs. Frederick De Peyster, Mrs. Edward C. Post, Mrs. Charles A. Post, Mrs. Henry Parish, jr., Mrs. A. Newbold Morris, Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Mrs. Robert Minturn, Mrs. Ward McAllister, Mrs. Charles H. Marshall, Mrs. Lorillard, Mrs. Woodbury Langdon, Mrs. Luther Kountze, Mrs. Hamilton Fish Kean, Mrs. Kean, Miss Louise Langdon Kane, Mrs. Louis Quentin Jones, Mrs. Cadwallader Jones, Mrs. Street, Mrs. Walter L. Suydam, Mrs. J. Kennedy Tod, Mrs. Stephen Van Rensselaer, Miss Whitney, Mrs. Frederic Gallatin, Mrs. William Cowles, Mrs. Francis McNeil Bacon, Mrs. Thatcher Adams and Mrs. Edmund Baylies.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Daisy Post, the daughter of the late William Post, and James Lawrence Van Alen, the son of J. J. Van Alen and the grandson of Mrs. Astor, has been already announced by report several times. Mrs. Post denied it last Saturday, but announced it at Newport on Monday. Miss Post is the niece of Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt and the sister of Mrs. Thomas Howard. No plans have yet been made for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Betts have returned from Southampton and are at their town house, No. 22 East Fifty-sixth-st.

James Henry Smith, who is now at Tuxedo, where he has leased the house of Mr. and Mrs. T. Suffern Tailer, has taken the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Benedict, No. 6 West Fifty-second-st., for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Amory G. Hodges, of No. 6 Gramercy Park, are in New-York for the winter.

Charles Lanier has returned from Lenox and has opened his town house, No. 30 East Thirty-seventh-st.

The White Star Line ship arrives to-day. Among those who are booked on her passenger list are Mr. and Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting and Miss Clementina Furniss and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Crocker, of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel will sail to-day for Europe. They will be absent the greater part of the winter. Their trip to this country was simply a flying visit. Mrs. William Rhinelander Stewart, Mrs. Drexel's sister, is at Tuxedo. She will go abroad later.

Mrs. Seth Barton French seems to be doing the greater part of the entertaining at the Hot Springs of Virginia. She gave a luncheon there on Monday in honor of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt. Among the other guests were Mrs. Henry Clews, Miss Bishop, Miss Booker and Mrs. E. Rollins Morse.

Mrs. Cadwalader Jones, who has been staying with Mrs. Edward Wharton at Lenox, returned from there on Monday, and is at her town house, No. 21 East Eleventh-st.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes will leave Lenox the latter part of the week and open their town house, No. 229 Madison-ave.

The Charity Ball will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on January 29.

Mrs. Astor gave a small dinner on Monday night at her home, No. 842 Fifth-ave., and afterward took her guests to Wallack's. The party comprised Mr. and Mrs. Orme Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund L. Baylies and Moncure Robinson.

Miss Ethel Taintor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles E. Taintor, was married yesterday afternoon at her parents' home, No. 128 West Fifty-seventh-st., to John Harper, who was attended by Henry Harper as best man, while Giles A. Taintor, the bride's brother; Harrison H. Bird, Leonard F. Nicol and William Hyde officiated as ushers. Miss Taintor, who was gowned in white satin, trimmed with duchesse lace, wore a duchesse lace veil, her only attendant being little Miss Annie Harper.

Among the fashionable people taking luncheon yesterday in the palm garden at the Waldorf-Astoria were Colonel and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who had Miss Wetmore with them. Miss Wetmore's frock of navy blue serge was stitched with white. She wore a hat of tucked red velvet, trimmed with a large black and white quill. Mrs. Astor was attired in a black rough camel's hair frock, with narrow white stripe. The skirt was made with the high bodice belt on the back to meet her Eton jacket. This was finished with revers of ecru batiste and lace. Mrs. Richard Irvin, who was likewise taking luncheon there, was in black cloth speckled with white and wore a black round hat, while Mrs. Gouverneur Kortright was all in black, and Mrs. Frederic Benedict in a frock of black broadcloth combined with black velvet and a large black hat trimmed with ecru lace and adorned with a big bunch of chrysanthemums.

The wedding of Miss Emma Dorrance Stone, daughter of the late George F. Stone, of Fair Oaks, Morristown, N. J., and Walter S. Kemeys, of New-York, took place yesterday at the South Street Presbyterian Church, Morristown, the Rev. Dr. Babcock, of New-York, performing the ceremony. Above the place where the bride and bridegroom stood were suspended several large white satin bells, in each of which was an electric light. Chains of smilax hung from the bells to the sides of the church, where they were met by large ropes of laurel. The organ was decorated with laurel and white chrysanthemums, large palms filling the corners. The decorations were unusually pretty. Miss Stone entered with her cousin, Christopher R. Corning, who gave her away. Her dress was of white corded silk, with a train, the waist being trimmed with chiffon and lace. She wore a point lace veil, fastened with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. Miss Marie L. Baldwin, her maid of honor, wore a blue silk gown and picture hat, with black plumes in it, and carried a bunch of pink roses. The best man was Reginald Ronalds. The ushers were Frederick O. Spedden, who recently married Miss Margaret Stone; George Brewster, Arthur Sturgis, Harold Barclay, Edward Crosby, and William Stone, a cousin of the bride. After the ceremony a small reception was held at Fair Oaks, the home of Mrs. George F. Stone. Among those present at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Abner W. Colgate, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colgate, Dr. and Mrs. Corning, Mrs. Crane, Miss Margaret Lanier Winslow, Miss Anna C. Bushnell, Miss Louise Walker, Miss Eleanor G. Bushnell, Mrs. H. McK. Twombly, the Misses Vermilye, Miss Swords, Mrs. Merrill, Mrs. Grinnell Willis, Mrs. Hughes, Miss Stephenson, Mrs. Tiers, Mrs. Ames, Miss Marie G. Bryce, Miss Catlin, Mrs. H. F. Taylor and Mrs. Burnham. Mr. and Mrs. Kemeys left Morristown shortly after the ceremony. They will sail soon for Europe and spend the winter at Fiesole.

### WHY BANK DIRECTORS DO NOT DIRECT.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Much has been said and written about the neglect of duty on the part of directors of banks and other corporations. If the directors are made mere figureheads how can they be held responsible for thefts? The directors of a large bank in this vicinity are business men of the highest standing. The president of this bank has said that he would not allow a director of his bank to look at the books of the bank. In case of embezzlement, would it be just to hold those directors responsible, when the president refuses to allow them to perform their duties? A. A. GRIFFING.

New-York, Oct. 29, 1900.

### TO ACT IN PRESIDENT WILSON'S PLACE.

Lexington, Va., Oct. 30.—The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee University has appointed Professor Harry St. George Tucker, dean of the Law School, to be chairman of the faculty and acting president of the university, to fill the place made vacant by the death of President William L. Wilson, until the next meeting of the trustees, which will probably not take place until late in the spring.

THE BOSS'S ADVICE TO TAMMANY HEELERS.

"I advise all Democrats to go to the polling places on election night, count noses, and see that they get counted. If the vote doesn't tally, let them go in and pull out the fellows in charge. I want to have you print this."—Richard Croker to the reporters yesterday.

## RUSSIAN REPLY INADEQUATE

### WHAT ST. PETERSBURG SAYS OF THE ANGLO-GERMAN AGREEMENT.

London, Oct. 30.—Russia's reply to the Anglo-German Agreement was received at the Foreign Office this evening. It is generally as outlined by "The London Times" in the dispatch from its St. Petersburg correspondent this morning, cabled to The Associated Press. The officials of the British Foreign Office do not regard the Russian note as adequate treatment of the points raised in the Anglo-German Agreement note. They say the Russian reply "lacks the definitiveness so desired by Lord Salisbury."

The dispatch of the St. Petersburg correspondent of "The Times" was as follows:

Russia, in acknowledging the Anglo-German Agreement, unreservedly accepts the first two clauses as establishing principles she herself had already advocated. Concerning Clause Three, she simply refers the two contracting parties to the Russian circular of August 25, saying that she would modify her attitude according to circumstances. The fourth clause is very curtly dismissed, with the remark that it does not call for comment.

### WHY GERMANY TURNED TO ENGLAND.

#### THE CZAR DISTRUSTS THE KAISER, AND DISLIKES HIM.

Berlin, Oct. 30.—On good authority it is ascertained that Emperor William and Count von Bülow alone negotiated the Anglo-German agreement, to the entire exclusion of Prince von Hohenlohe, whose policy had as its pivotal point closer relations with Russia and France. It was mainly for this reason that Prince von Hohenlohe tendered his resignation.

It also appears that, in addition to a number of reasons of earlier date, Emperor William considered Russia's behavior in connection with the appointment of Count von Waldersee and the withdrawal of her troops from Peking to be distinctly unfriendly actions. Hence the rapprochement between Great Britain and Germany. Those who give this explanation assert that Emperor Nicholas dislikes the Kaiser, and personally distrusts him, and they suggest that this feeling may have had something to do in bringing about the agreement with England.

### DIPLOMATS CONFER IN PEKING.

Peking, Oct. 28.—A meeting of the diplomatists was held this morning to consider the form of negotiations for a settlement of the China difficulty. The decision arrived at is kept secret, in order to prevent any information reaching the Chinese.

### EMPRESS DOWAGER MAKING TROUBLE.

#### SENDING EMISSARIES TO RAISE ARMIES IN THE YANGTSE VALLEY.

London, Oct. 31.—"Most serious trouble," says the Shanghai correspondent of "The Daily Express," "is brewing in the Yangtse region, whither the Empress Dowager has sent emissaries to raise powerful armed bodies to exterminate converts and expel foreigners. She has appointed Yu Chuan, a notoriously anti-foreign general, to be Military Governor of the Yangtse district."

In the Province of Quang-Tung, according to the Hong-Kong correspondent of "The Daily Mail," the rebellion is subsiding, owing to the scarcity of arms and ammunition.

### ARRESTS ORDERED AT PAO-TING-FU.

#### INCIDENTS OF THE OCCUPATION OF THE CHINESE CITY.

Pao-Ting-Fu, Oct. 24.—The city of Pao-Ting-Fu has been divided into districts under the superintendence of the various nationalities represented in the occupying force. Looting is strictly forbidden in the British quarter; but the Germans, French and Italians have sacked their respective districts.

The International Commission which is inquiring into the massacre of the foreigners here has ordered the arrest of three Chinese officials.

An Italian lieutenant, while reconnoitring in the hills with sixteen men, was surrounded by Boxers. A rescue force composed of 150 British and 60 Italian cavalrymen will leave here to-night to drive off the Chinese.

### CHINESE IMPERIAL TREASURER DEAD.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The Japanese Legation received a dispatch to-day announcing the death of Wang Wen Shao, Imperial Treasurer of China. Wang Wen Shao was one of the most loyal adherents of the Imperial family, and when they fled from Peking he insisted on following, despite his advanced age. His death was from natural causes, probably old age and the fatigues of the flight.

### GENERAL WILSON ORDERED HOME.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Orders have been sent to Peking detaching General James H. Wilson from duty as chief of staff under General Chaffee, and directing him to return to the United States. It had been the purpose of the Government to make General Wilson a member of the projected American Commission to treat with the Chinese Government for a settlement, but the abandonment of that plan in favor of direct negotiations through Minister Conger made it unnecessary to retain him in China.

### UNIONISTS GAIN ANOTHER SEAT.

London, Oct. 30.—Returns of the election in the Orkney and Shetland District show a Unionist gain, J. C. Wason, the candidate of that party, defeating Sir Leonard Lyell, his Liberal opponent.

## OBITUARY.

### WILLIAM WATSON NILES.

William Watson Niles died at his home, in Bedford Park, on Tuesday, at the age of seventy-eight. He was born at West Fairlee, Vt., the home of his grandfather, Judge Nathaniel Niles, who was one of the early settlers and the first Representative in Congress. Mr. Niles was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1845, and then went to La Porte, Ind., where he studied law with his brother, Judge John Barron Niles. After a year's travel abroad he began the practice of his profession in New-York. He early took a prominent place at the bar and in politics, and though a Democrat when the war broke out he ardently supported Abraham Lincoln. He was active in raising regiments and in caring for the sick and wounded.

Mr. Niles was one of the founders of the Union

W. W. NILES,
The lawyer, who died yesterday.

Leagues, which did a great work in organizing Union men and strengthening the Administration. He was an old friend and warm admirer of Horace Greeley, and gave him support in the Presidential contest of 1872. In that year he represented his district in the Assembly, and co-operated with Governor Tilden in bringing the Tweed judges to account. A member of the Legislative Committee of Investigation, he threw the casting vote in favor of impeachment. Friendship and long intimacy with Mr. Tilden led him to support the latter for the Presidency in 1876, during which year he was Mr. Tilden's confidential attorney.

Mr. Niles was active in promoting the interests of the section where he lived, now the Borough of The Bronx, and in 1884 was appointed one of the commissioners to lay out new parks north of the Harlem, and it was largely as a result of his efforts that the present splendid park domain in The Bronx was acquired. Mr. Niles practised his profession until stricken by his last illness, and during his professional life represented such prominent men as W. B. Ogden, John Anderson, Jeremiah Milbank and Amzi L. Barber. Mr. Niles was a born fighter, and having once espoused the cause of a client sometimes offended opponents by the vigor of his opposition, but none of them ever spoke except in the highest terms of his integrity and ability. He was a man of the highest principle and of unswerving rectitude. Mr. Niles married Isabel White, the daughter of Hugh White, of Saratoga County, who, with six children, survives him.

### GENERAL BENJAMIN FLAGLER.

General Benjamin Flagler, former Chief of Ordnance of the National Guard of this State and a prominent citizen of Niagara Falls, died yesterday morning at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, after an illness of about ten days. The immediate cause of death was Bright's disease, from which he had been a

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sufferer for some time. General Flagler came to New-York two weeks ago, and was then in fairly good health. On October 20 he was prostrated; last Thursday The Tribune announced that he was critically ill. He revived a little after that, but the final sinking spell came on Monday night. He was attended during his illness by Dr. W. H. Hodge. Mrs. Flagler was also with him.

General Flagler was born in Lockport, this State, on May 10, 1833. Soon after the breaking out of the war he and his three brothers, Daniel, Charles and Henry, enlisted in the Union Army. Benjamin organized Company A, 28th United States Volunteers, and served from 1861 till February, 1862, in the Civil War, when he was detailed as acting assistant adjutant-general of the First Brigade, First Division, of the Fifth Army Corps. He later served in the Department of the Shenandoah and the Twelfth Army Corps. In June, 1862, he was severely wounded in action, and was discharged for disability on October 18 following.

He served as Collector of the Port of Niagara from 1878 till 1886. In 1888 he was elected a Presidential elector on the Republican ticket. He was appointed Chief of Ordnance of the National Guard by Governor Morton, succeeding General J. M. Varian, of this city. He was once postmaster of Niagara Falls, and for several years had been the president of the Bank of Suspension Bridge of Niagara Falls. Governor Roosevelt appointed him a trustee of the Soldiers' Home, of Bath. His brother, Daniel, was Chief of Ordnance of the United States Army.

General Flagler was a past grand master of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the State and a prominent member of Dudley Donnelly Grand Army Post of Niaraga Falls. In the summer he lived at the International Hotel, and in the winter at the Imperial Hotel, in Niagara Falls. He weighed nearly three hundred pounds, and all his brothers were about the same size. The funeral will take place to-morrow at Niagara Falls. His only child, Sylvester, died several years ago. He is survived by a brother, Charles, of Lockport, and two sisters, Miss Flagler and Mrs. Edwin Terryll, of Niagara Falls.

### NORMAN BROKAW.

Kakauna, Wis., Oct. 30.—Norman Brokaw, a wealthy paper manufacturer, died to-day from appendicitis. He was one of the most prominent paper manufacturers in the country, owning mills at Kakauna, Little Chute, Appleton and Wausau.

### JAMES BUCHANAN.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 30.—Ex-Congressman James Buchanan died suddenly at his home in this city to-day of heart failure. Mr. Buchanan had been in poor health for a year or more. This morning he arose as usual, however, and read the morning papers. He was sitting in a chair when he died. He was sixty-one years old. Mr. Buchanan was admitted to the bar in 1864, and was Law Judge of Mercer County from 1872 until 1877. He was elected to Congress four times, his first election being in 1885.

### MRS. JAMES G. KING.

Mrs. Caroline King, widow of James G. King, died at her home, No. 38 East Twenty-first-st., on Monday, at the age of eighty-one years. She was born at Jamaica, and was a member of the well known King family of that place. She was a granddaughter of General Rufus King and a daughter of Governor John A. King. In 1843 she married her cousin, a member of the firm of James G. King & Sons, who died in 1867. She had five children, but only one survives her, John Alsop King. The funeral will be held at Calvary Church, at Fourth-ave. and Twenty-first-st., this morning. The body will be taken to Jamaica by special train. The burial will be in the family plot in Grace Churchyard.

### ELIZA HALSTEAD TOWNLEY.

Elizabeth, N. J., Oct 30 (Special).—Eliza Halstead Townley, widow of ex-Mayor Robert W. Townley of this city, died this afternoon at her home, No. 504 North Broad-st., at the age of eighty-one. She was one of Elizabeth's most prominent women, and noted for her charitable works, being one of the founders of the Home for Aged Women in Elizabeth, and for many years was one of the directors of the Elizabeth Orphan Asylum. She was also one of the founders, a quarter of a century ago, of Westminster Presbyterian Church, of this city. Mrs. Townley was born in Newark, N. J.

## THE WEATHER REPORT.

YESTERDAY'S RECORD AND TO-DAY'S FORECAST.

Washington, Oct. 30.—The pressure is high over New-England and the middle plateau, and relatively low in the Upper Mississippi Valley. The temperature has fallen from 10 degrees to 25 degrees in the Central Rocky Mountain region and on the Southern plateau. Rain has fallen on the North Pacific Coast, in Southern New-England, the lower lake region and thence southeastward to Texas. Rain is indicated for the Ohio Valley, the lower lake region, Southern New-England, the Middle Atlantic Coast and the Middle and Lower Mississippi Valley Wednesday. The weather will clear in the Mississippi Valley by Thursday, but rain will probably continue in the Ohio Valley and lower lake region. The temperature will fall in the Southwest and in Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. On the New-England Coast the winds will be brisk northeasterly. On the Middle and South Atlantic Coast fresh northeasterly winds will become brisk by Wednesday afternoon, except south of the Carolinas. On the lower lakes the winds will be mostly light to fresh south to southeast. On the upper lakes fresh east to southeast winds will prevail.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND THURSDAY.

For Maine, fair to-day and Thursday; cooler to-day in southeast portion; brisk northeasterly winds.

For New-Hampshire and Vermont, fair to-day and Thursday; warmer Thursday; fresh northeasterly winds, becoming variable.

For Massachusetts, partly cloudy and cooler, with rain on the coast to-day; Thursday fair; brisk northeasterly winds.

For Rhode Island and Connecticut, probably rain and cooler to-day; Thursday probably showers; brisk to high northeasterly winds.

For Eastern New-York, partly cloudy and cooler to-day, with rain on the coast; Thursday probably showers; brisk east to northeast winds.

For Eastern Pennsylvania, New-Jersey and Delaware, rain and cooler to-day; Thursday probably showers; fresh to brisk northeasterly winds.

For the District of Columbia, partly cloudy to-day; Thursday probably rain; fresh northeasterly winds.

For Western Pennsylvania, probably rain and cooler to-day; Thursday probably showers; light to fresh southerly winds.

For Western New-York, rain to-day and probably Thursday; light to fresh northeasterly winds.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

Tribune Office, Oct. 31, 1 a. m.—The weather yesterday was cloudy, with showers in the evening. The temperature at the street level ranged between 53 degrees and 62 degrees, the average (57¼ degrees) being 3¾ degrees lower than that of Monday and 2⅝ degrees higher than that of the corresponding date of last year.

The weather to-day will be fair and cooler.

## THE PASSING THRONG.

J. Murray Mitchell, ex-Member of Congress from this city, speaking yesterday at National Committee headquarters of the Republican outlook in this campaign, said:

BRYAN'S BARMECIDE FEAST.

"Personal matters have heretofore prevented me from taking as active a part in the campaign as I should have wished. I am speaking now, however, and shall continue doing so until the end of the campaign. Everywhere I find the audiences enthusiastic and appreciative, and I am convinced that the voters are alive to the danger that threatens them should Bryan come into power. You can't fool all the people this time, and Bryan, with his shoddy and shopworn arguments, will find that he will fall very far short of fooling a majority of them. The average American citizen is a keen and intelligent man, and it is an exceedingly difficult matter to throw dust in his eyes, as Mr. Bryan will discover to his sorrow on the morning of November 7. With the nonsensical jingles that Bryan gives high sounding titles to, the American voters will not be pulled away from the real issues of the campaign. Anti-imperialism, anti-militarism, anti-trustism and all the other isms that Bryan constantly brings forth in his vocal pyrotechnics will not delude the voter. He knows that it is a Barmecide feast Bryan invites him to, and on November 6 he will decline the invitation with thanks, on account of a previous engagement which he has with William McKinley. Senator Frye has just published a letter, in which he points out the nonsense, inconsistencies and fallacies of Bryan's arguments. It is a masterly exposé of the crass methods Bryan is resorting to and should be read by every one. In my opinion the electoral vote of the country will go overwhelmingly to McKinley and Roosevelt, and we will again roll up a great Republican majority in this State."

"There is a certain resident of a city not five hundred miles from the 'Hub,'" said L. A. Goodwin, of Boston, at the Hotel Manhattan, yesterday, "who in addition to a somewhat highly developed sense of humor is also the proud possessor of a glass eye. It is a wonderfully natural creation, and did not its owner publish the fact of his proprietorship far and wide few would there be who would not suppose him still to be the possessor of both the optics with which nature originally endowed him.

HAD FUN WITH HIS GLASS EYE.

"Some time ago the eye-shy man was at that particular kind of a dinner popularly termed stag. His neighbor, it must be confessed in a reprehensible spirit of pride, turned to him with 'What do you think of that for a scratch, Blank?' at the same time scalping himself and revealing a pate as bald as that of the man whom the late lamented Travers once advised to sugar his head and go to a certain ball in the character of a pill. Blank glanced at the shining surface thus revealed and then his hand stole to his face. 'And what do you think of that for an eye' was the response he made, and from the centre of the other man's plate of soup the eye unblushingly challenged his opinion. The owner of the scratch did not give it. He simply howled aloud for frappéd air.

"At another time a poker game was in progress, and the entire party were casting about for a buck. 'And how will this do for a buck?' was the remark that accompanied the eye to the centre of the table.

"It's last individual appearance was brought about by golf. Its owner had golf aspirations, and hired a high priced professional to perfect him in the game. 'Keep your h'eye on the ball, Mr. Blank,' was the burden of the cry that wore out that person's patience. Finally, unable to stand it longer, and at about the twentieth singsong reiteration of 'Keep your h'eye on the ball, sir!' Blank deposited the glass substitute on top of the little round sphere, and with the query, 'Is my eye sufficiently on the ball now?' started in to make a long drive as his coach started hurriedly for home."

Samuel Fessenden, of Stamford, formerly Republican National Committeeman from Connecticut, when seen at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday, said: "Connecticut will give a large majority for McKinley and Roosevelt this year. We shall also again return a solid Republican delegation to Congress, as we have done since 1896. I think there is no doubt left now that the Republican ticket will score a complete and triumphant victory."

CONNECTICUT SOLID AS A ROCK.

### THE BANQUET FOR GENERAL HOWARD.

SENATOR DEPEW TO PRESIDE AND MANY WELL KNOWN MEN TO SPEAK.

The Committee on Speakers for the banquet to be given for General O. O. Howard at the Waldorf-Astoria on November 8, his seventieth birthday, held a meeting yesterday and made this report:

Senator Chauncey M. Depew will preside, and there will be speeches by ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed, General Daniel E. Sickles, Captain A. T. Mahan, U. S. N., General Grenville M. Dodge, General Joseph Wheeler, President John N. Barrows, of Oberlin College, General Wager Swayne, Bishop William J. Gaines and Count de Sahune de Lafayette.

Colonel H. H. Adams, of the General Committee, reported that there was every prospect of the entertainment being a brilliant affair.

### TO CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sachs Kaliske, of No. 17 West Eighty-eighth-st., will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home this evening. Mr. Kaliske is seventy-three years old and his wife is sixty-eight. They have five children. Mr. Kaliske was for many years, until 1894, when he retired, a large manufacturer of shoes.

### A NEW NAME FOR AN OLD HOUSE.

The Théâtre Comique, as some New-Yorkers may not be aware, is the present name of the theatre adjoining the Fifth Avenue, formerly called Herrmann's Theatre and before that Dockstader's Theatre, and still longer ago various other things. It has seldom been successful, and therefore it has been the scene of more experiments than almost any other theatre in town. At present it is closed. But now appear bold men who are willing to try opening it again. They have not yet secured the lease, but they are bargaining for it with James C. Jack, the present lessee.

They are the Hashim Brothers, the managers of Koster & Bial's Music Hall. Their plan is to take the old house, make some improvements in it and open about the middle of November, with a kind of minstrel performance, which is not to be quite like any other minstrel performance of the past or the present. They expect to call the place the York Theatre. If the plan is carried out The Tribune will inform its readers of the fact in due time, and will give a list of the names which the house has borne from time to time, according to custom.

### PAUL LOESER RETIRES.

Paul Loeser, who since 1869 had been connected with the "New-Yorker Staatz-Zeitung" in various editorial capacities, according to his own wishes has been retired by the publishers, with a liberal pension. As a token of appreciation and esteem on the part of the editorial staff, a silver loving cup, with an appropriate inscription, was presented to Mr. Loeser yesterday at his home, No. 149 East Ninety-second-st. C. Stuerenburg made the presentation speech, to which Mr. Loeser, whose health has been of late somewhat impaired, cordially responded.

### COUNT TOLSTOI WRITING A DRAMA.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 30.—Count Tolstoi is enjoying excellent health. He is engaged in writing a drama entitled "A Corpse."

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### MARRIED.

HARPER—TAINTON—On Tuesday, October 30, at 128 West 57th-st., by the Rev. William M. Grosvenor, John Harper to Ethel Musier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles E. Tainton.

Notices of marriages and deaths must be indorsed with full name and address.

### DIED.

Bergen, Elizabeth B.
Fairchild, De Forrest.
Graham, Charlotte A. W.
Hartley, Henrietta M.
Ketchum, Franklyn M.
King, Caroline.
Mower, Mandeville.
Niles, William W.
Nordby, Conrad H.
Purdy, David M.
Stryker, William S.
Ward, Anna H. P.
Yerks, Adaline B.

BERGEN—On Saturday, October 27, Elizabeth Barkuloo, wife of the late John G. Bergen, in her 86th year.
Funeral services will be held at her late residence, No. 97 Lafayette-ave., Brooklyn, Wednesday, October 31, at 2 p. m.
Interment at the convenience of the family.
Kindly omit flowers.

FAIRCHILD—At Cornwall-on-Hudson, Suddenly, October 24, De Forrest Fairchild, aged 57.
Interment at Leavenworth, Kan.

GRAHAM—At her residence, in London, England, on March 29, 1900, Mrs. Charlotte A. Walworth Graham, in the 81st year of her age.
Interment at St. Albans, Vt., on Friday, November 2.

HARTLEY—Entered into rest, at Morristown, N. J., Sunday, October 28, Henrietta M. Hartley, wife of the late William M. B. Hartley, of this city, and daughter of the late Colonel Philos Blake, of New-Haven.
Services at her late residence, at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, October 31.

KETCHUM—At Saugatuck, Conn., October 30, Franklyn Miller, eldest son of the late Morris Ketchum.
Funeral private.

KING—On Monday, October 29, at her residence, No. 38 East 21st-st., Caroline King, widow of James G. King, in the 81st year of her age.
Funeral services at Calvary Church, 4th-ave. and 21st-st., on Wednesday, October 31, 1900, at 9:45 a. m.
Interment at Jamaica, Long Island.
Special car.

### DIED.

MOWER—On Sunday, October 28, 1900, Mandeville, son of the late Thomas G. Mower, M. D., Surgeon United States Army.
Funeral services at St. Thomas's Church, 53d-st. and 5th-ave., on Thursday, November 1, at 10 a. m.

VETERAN CORPS OF ARTILLERY.
Military Society of the War of 1812.

Members are directed to attend the funeral services of their late fellow member, Mandeville Mower, to be held at St. Thomas's Church, 5th-ave. and 53d-st., on Thursday, November 1, at 10 a. m.

HOWLAND PELL, Adjutant. MORGAN DIX, Commandant.

NILES—At Bedford Park, on Tuesday morning, October 30, William Watson Niles, in his 79th year.
Funeral services at his late residence, Woodlawn Road, Bedford Park, Thursday, at 3 o'clock, or on arrival of Harlem R. R. train leaving Grand Central Station, 42d-st., at 2:15 p. m.

NORDBY—On Sunday morning, October 28, at St. Luke's Hospital, Conrad H. Nordby, aged 33 years.
Funeral service at the chapel of St. Luke's, Wednesday, 12:30 o'clock.
Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery.

PURDY—On Sunday, October 28, after a brief illness, David Morgan Purdy, in the 82d year of his age.
Funeral at St. Paul's Church, East Chester, on Thursday, at 2 o'clock p. m.

STRYKER—At Trenton, N. J., October 29, General William S. Stryker, in the 63d year of his age.
Funeral services at the First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, on Thursday, November 1, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Society of the Cincinnati, October 30th, 1900.—With deep regret announcement is made of the decease on the 29th inst. of Hon. William Scudder Stryker, LL. D., President New-Jersey Cincinnati.
Members of the Society of the Cincinnati are requested to attend the funeral at the First Presbyterian Church, East State Street, Trenton, N. J., on Thursday, November 1, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m.

ASA BIRD GARDINER, Secretary-General.

WARD—On Sunday morning, October 28, at 1,608 K-st., Washington, D. C., Anna Hazard Parker Ward, wife of Samuel G. Ward.

YERKS—At Albany, N. Y., on Tuesday, October 30, 1900, Adaline Benjamin, wife of George W. Yerks.
Funeral services at her late residence, 305 Hamilton-st., Albany, Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

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