

BEHIND THE SCENES IN LEGISLATIVE LIFE.

ALBANY POSSESSES A HUMBLE BUT INFLUENTIAL "HOUSE OF LORDS" AND ALSO A "HOUSE OF COMMONS."

Albany, Feb. 23 (Special).—The Legislature in the last two or three years has amused itself by labeling two dwelling houses in this city, occupied by Senators and Assemblymen, respectively: "The House of Lords" and "The House of Commons."

Sometimes the close association of the Senators at the "House of Lords" has its embarrassing features. For instance, last week Senator Ellsworth moved that an Assembly resolution asking the United States Senate to pass the Groot bill to check the sale of oleomargarine be tabled.

Speaker Nixon and Mr. Kelsey on Sunday night last were reading the Sunday newspapers when the latter suddenly looked up and said to the Speaker: "Fred, do you know that Joe Aldis was once a Sunday school teacher?"

Senator Grady, the Democratic leader in the Senate, has hired a small house in State-st., near the Capitol, and here it is that the Tammany Hall leaders from New-York come when they are desirous of having something done of a non-partisan nature; for the Republican leaders are very watchful of Senator Grady's recommendations about bills touching New-York's charter.

The third annual revolver contest between a team from the 1st Naval Battalion and one from Battery A, Boer's Light Infantry, will take place on Tuesday evening, March 5, the artillerymen shooting in Boston and the Naval Militiamen shooting on board the New-Hampshire.

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A JOVIAL ASSEMBLYMAN DEMONSTRATES THE USEFULNESS OF THE ROOTER TO AN ORATOR DEVOID OF IDEAS.

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"Fact of the matter was," began the Assemblyman, "my election was just a case of pure luck. Went to Europe last summer for my wife's health, and when on returning I walked down the gang-plank, my district leader grasped me by the hand and shouted: 'Congratulations, old man!'"

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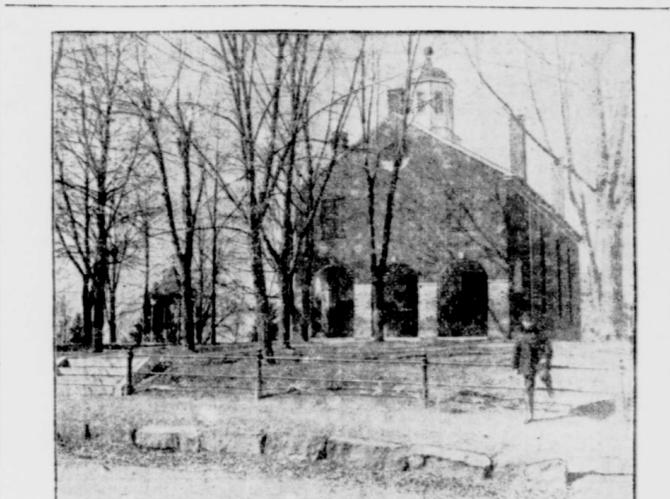
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Washington, Feb. 23 (Special).—Fairfax Court-house, in the antiquated Virginia village of that name, is to be transformed into an historical museum. Portraits of Washington, George Mason, Lord Fairfax, Fitzhugh Lee and other distinguished sons of Virginia are to be hung on its walls; private documents, records and papers are to be collected and placed on exhibition there. The structure itself, while possessing no architectural beauty, is attractive by reason of its close connection with the history of Virginia in the eighteenth century. It was built of brick brought from England, and bears scars innumerable of wounds received in the Civil War. Throughout the war it was occupied alternately by Federal and Confederate troops, but, strange to say, few of its valuable records were molested. Although the outer walls were made the target of countless bullets and shells, the interior was not damaged to any extent. In the picturesque tower hangs a bell which was there in Washington's time. The ancient building



FAIRFAX COURTHOUSE AND WELL (TO LEFT). At which Washington used to stop and water his horses when on his way to and from Washington.

produce if I were elected a member of the Legislature, and which would remedy the existing evils. 'Well, the time for the meeting came around, and I went to the hall about a half hour late. The leader instructed me to be fully that late, so the people would be glad to see me. I tell you, it was a big meeting—a tremendous meeting! The aisles were blocked, and a mob was fighting on the board to get a glimpse through the doors. The band was playing 'The Man Behind the Gun.' Then, all of a sudden, one of my rooters at the door recognized me and yelled: 'Here he is! Here he is! These cheers for our next Assemblyman!'"

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tion, a rare special distinction. He is a member of the Naval Institute of Annapolis, and has been one of the vice-presidents of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers of the United States ever since the organization of that society. He has devoted much time to literary work, chiefly upon subjects of a professional nature. He has always been a staunch advocate of sheathed ships, and, although meeting with opposition, has steadily persevered, and has at last succeeded in having sheathed ships introduced into the Navy. Rear-Admiral Hichborn is a descendant of an old Colonial family of unimpaired patriotism, and a member of which, Deborah Hichborn, was the mother of Paul Revere, and of a stock that later became one of the foremost of the renowned ship-building and seafaring families of New-England, in November, 1875, he was married to Miss Jennie M. Franklin, of Vermont. To the charming disposition of his wife and the complete domestic happiness that has always existed he owes much of the continued success in his professional career.

REAR-ADMIRAL HICHBORN WILL NOT BE IN ACTIVE SERVICE AFTER MARCH 4. Washington, Feb. 23 (Special).—When Chief Constructor Philip Hichborn goes on the list of retired officers of the United States Navy, on inauguration day, the Government will lose one of its most efficient servants. No officer of the Navy has given more time and thought for the good of service, or has possessed a more genial and amiable disposition throughout the cares and vicissitudes of official duty. On July 12, 1881, Naval Constructor Philip Hichborn was appointed by the President to the highest position in the Construction Corps of the Navy, with the relative rank of commodore. Twice he has been reappointed to that office, and the period of eight years of his occupancy has resulted in great credit to the Navy. He has been, for a number of years, a member of the Institute of Naval Architects of England, and was a few years ago elected an honorary life member of the organiza-



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RECEPTION FOR DR. PUPIN. SUCCESSFUL INVENTOR GUEST OF WOMAN GRADUATES—A PANTOMIME PLAY. Professor Pupin, of Columbia College, whose recent improvements in telephony have attracted considerable attention, was the guest of honor last week at a reception given at Barnard College by the Woman Graduates' Club of Columbia University. Mrs. Seth Low, Mrs. George Haven Putnam and Miss Ellen Davison, the president of the club, were among those who received a large number of guests in the theatre of Brinckerhoff Hall. Many members of the faculty were present, as well as Mrs. Edith Barrach, who was recently installed in a new office in the university, that of adviser to women graduates. Music, refreshments and dancing brought the affair to a close. This was the second reception given this year by the Graduate Club, which always aims to entertain some one of particular interest at its festivities. On the recent induction of William P. Trent as professor of English at Barnard, the club gave a tea for him. An amusing and instructive programme was given last Tuesday at Barnard by the Beta Psi Chapter of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity. It consisted of a picturesque and accurate representation of a Buddhist wedding, done in pantomime. The play was given by a number of anese panels, cherry blossoms, lanterns and much other paraphernalia of Oriental plays, was elaborately pretty, and the costumes taken from the tradition of Captain Zabriskie called forth admiration from the audience by their rare gorgeousness. The part of the bridegroom was taken by Miss Mary Eaton and that of the bride by Miss Rosalie Shields. The go-between, on whom most of the action devolved, was played by Miss Helen Ekanor Osborne and Miss Elizabeth Allen were the bridegroom's father and mother; Miss Beattie Thompson was the bride's father, and Miss Mary Eaton and Miss Elizabeth Allen were the bride's father and mother. The bridesmaids were represented by Miss Katherine Poole, Miss Elizabeth Freeman, Miss Janet's, and Miss Madeleine Mary

invites all Chinese who have grievances to confer with the editor, who promises to present their cases before the proper authorities.

FATALLY INJURED IN THE SHAFING. MAN IN FACTORY IS BUMPED SEVERAL TIMES AGAINST A CEILING.

George Scharf, thirty-seven years old, of No. 25 Marston-st., Brooklyn, employed as a graphite man at the Eagle Pencil Works, No. 70 East Fourth street, was probably fatally injured yesterday morning by being caught in the shafting of the factory. Scharf was working on the second floor when his right foot was caught in a belt that ran from the floor to wheels at the ceiling. In a moment he was dragged off his feet and carried with great rapidity to the ceiling. Bumped time and again against the upper machinery, he was finally released by the force of one of the blows and dropped to the floor, a mangled wreck. His skull was fractured, his head was covered with cuts and bruises, both arms were broken, three ribs were broken and he received contusions over the entire body. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital in a dying condition.

A NEW CHINESE PAPER. Volume I, No. 1, of "The Chinese Weekly Herald" certainly recalls the Irishman who could not read the laundry sign, but thought that if he had his fiddle he could play it. But this newspaper looks different, even considered as an orchestral score. It is a new paper, as its number indicates, and it consists of three pages of what seems to be reading matter and one page of what seems to be advertisements. Each advertisement has a heading in English, as if the editor had not quite the confidence of the other Irishman, who said, "There's one thing I admire them Chinese for; they can read their own language." There is also a column of editorial in English. This sets forth that the paper is meant to fill the long felt want of an organ to champion the cause of the eighteen thousand Chinese in and around New-York; that it intends to print the news which is of most interest to the Chinese and the Chinese speaking population; and to redress their wrongs. To this end it

AN IMPROVED EXPRESS SERVICE. An improved express service between the Bronx and the City Hall on the Third-ave. elevated railroad will begin on Wednesday, it is announced. The trains will run morning and evening without stop between One hundred-and-thirty third and Fifty-ninth sts. This has been made possible by the changes which have been made in the last few months at Ninety-ninth-st. and Third-ave. The single intertrack station, which has limited the express capacity of the line, has been removed, and two new stations, one each for the up and down tracks, have been built.