# MUSIC—THE DRAMA.

## "A COUNTRY GIRL" AT DALY'S.

Daly's Theatre opened last night with the first American production by the Augustin Daly Musical Company of the English light opera, "A Country Girl," which was the successor last January of "San Toy" at Daly's Theatre in London, where it has been running ever since. The book of "A Country Girl" is by James T. Tanner, and the music by Lionel Monckton, with lyrics by Adrian Ross, and several additional numbers by Paul Rubens. The leading parts last night were taken by William Norris and Miss Minnie Ashley. Mr. Hiller conducted.

The authors of "A Country Girl" have introduced no novelties; they have made no fresh geographical explorations for pastures new—even they have returned from the scenes of "San Toy" and "The Gelsha" to Devonshire and London; and they have done no poaching on the vaudeville preserves. They have followed the comic opera of tradition, evidently believing traditional opera to be better worth following than the Broadway variety show of to-day; and they offer "A Country Girl" to prove that they are right. It is a pleasant tradition that says a comic opera shall tell a little story—slight, perhaps, but always there and always touched with a spark of pleasant sentiment; that says this story shall be told by song as well as dialogue and action; that demands of the opera, in short, a reasonable unity of impression. And this delightful tradition "A Country Girl" obeys. If it is welcomed by the public, as there is every indication it will be, those who have been disheartened by the vaudeville hodge-podges which have masqueraded up and down Broadway (usually in tights) calling themselves comic operas, may take heart again.

Musically, "A Country Girl" is pleasantly tuneful, with several lively and catchy airs and one or two themes of more lasting merit. But it lacks a certain richness and variety of melodic inspiration; nor was it always sung last night as well as it should have been.

However, the comedy work of William Norris and Miss Ashley went far to make up for all defects. Their two duets, the first a representation of two chickens making love, the second a quarrel to music, were recalled again and again, and deserved the applause. Whether Miss Ashley was more charming than comical or more comical than charming is impossible to say; and Mr. Norris's drollery was impossible to resist. The humor of the other characters was not so successful. Mr. Hallyn Mostyn, especially, in a topical song of much musical appeal, was unable to extract a laugh with the dull lyric given him to sing. This topical song, it must be confessed, might very well go up Broadway for verbal inspiration. The settings and costumes were rich and in good taste.

## "DOLLY VARDEN" AGAIN.

The Victoria, fresh and bright after a summer devoted to cleaning and redecoration, opened last night for the season, with Lulu Glaser in "Dolly Varden," the opera which had such a long run at the Herald Square last season, increasing materially both Miss Glaser's popularity and purse. The present engagement at the Victoria is for two weeks only; at the end of that time the opera will go out on the road. The only important change in the cast is that of "Tom" Daniel for George O'Donnell as Jack Fairfax, the guardian of Dolly. But the scenery and costumes have been retouched and in many cases remade. From the size and enthusiasm of the audience last night it would seem that "Dolly Varden" could remain in New-York with profit more than two weeks.

## HARLEM OPERA HOUSE OPENS.

David Warfield, in the play which successfully served him last year, his first season as a star, opened the Harlem Opera House last night. The supporting cast of "The Auctioneer" remains much the same. The production was warmly greeted by a large first night audience.

## AT THE MURRAY HILL.

Miss Elita Proctor Otis, supported by the stock company of the theatre, yesterday presented Augustin Daly's version of "Leah the Forsaken" at the Murray Hill Theatre, to a large house.

## AT THE AMERICAN THEATRE.

"Held by the Enemy," the first of William Gillette's war dramas, was produced at the American Theatre last night by the stock company, and pleased from start to finish the melodrama loving audience.

## CONCERTS.

Last night's concert by Kaltenborn's Orchestra at the Circle Auditorium was made up of popular selections from "Robin Hood," "King Dodo," "Martha" and the works of Victor Herbert. John Cheshire was the soloist. To-night symphonies will furnish most of the selections. The third movement of Beethoven's Symphony No. 3 will head the programme.

Duss began the last week of his concerts at the St. Nicholas Rink last night. Next Sunday night he ends the season with a concert in the Madison Square Garden.

## BLEST SOUVENIRS.

It is announced that the silver souvenirs to be given to all attending the farewell concert to Miss Julia Allen at the Circle Auditorium next Sunday have been blessed by Cardinal Gibbons. Miss Allen is the soprano at the Church of the Holy Name, in Amsterdam-ave. She is soon to leave for Italy, where she will sing in opera. The souvenirs are in the form of medals, bearing the imprint of Jesus and Mary.

## AT THE VARIETY HOUSES.

Mme. Capell headed the bill at Keith's yesterday with an act of an unusual nature, even in these days when the stage is anything from a circus arena to a crystal palace. She rode a trained stallion on the stage, exhibited trained dogs and displayed great personal agility. Charles Grapewin and Anna Chance were next on the bill, with a comedy sketch.

Reno and Richards, Miss Florence Bindley, the Pantzer Trio and many more appeared at Pastor's yesterday.

De Kolta, the magician, began the second week of his engagement at the Eden Musée last night, introducing new illusions. His engagement has so far proved very popular.

Proctor's Fifth Avenue Stock Company, headed by James Wilson and Minnie Seligman, presented Bronson Howard's "The Banker's Daughter," with a special equipment of new scenery and lighting effects, yesterday.

The Twenty-third Street's bill of continuous vaudeville was headed by Georgie Gardner and Joseph Maddern in "Too Many Darlings," a comedy sketch.

The Drury Lane production of "The Great Ruby" was given by the Proctor Stock Company at the Fifty-eighth Street, exactly as seen at the Fifth Avenue last week, with the exception of a changed cast. The revival of this play by Mr. Proctor has proved a most popular move.

Up in Harlem "The Thoroughbred" was played by the permanent stock company, with Adelaide Keim, Ned Howard Fowler and Rose Stuart in the cast.

## *MOVEMENTS OF STARS.*

J. H. Stoddart appeared last night in San Francisco, where he will remain for two weeks, acting in "The Bonnie Brier Bush."……Mr. Jefferson will begin the new season on September 29, at Boston, as Rip Van Winkle……Miss Viola Allen will appear at Washington, October 6, in "The Eternal City."……Eleonora Duse will open her season on October 20, at Boston……Otis Skinner has been acting, with much success, in the West, since September 8. He appeared last night in Chicago……Kyrle Bellew will emerge at Newark, on September 29……James K. Hackett appeared last night in Philadelphia……E. H. Sothern will begin the season on September 29, at Utica……Chauncey Olcott is in Chicago……Andrew Mack acted last night in Boston……Miss Crosman, presenting "The Sword of the King," is acting in the Middle West……Miss Percy Haswell appeared last night in Baltimore……Miss Ethel Barrymore will appear at Buffalo, on September 29……Louis James and Frederick Warde are acting together, in the Far West……Miss Marlowe will appear in Boston, on October 6……Miss Annie Russell will act along the New-England circuit, beginning on September 29……Henry Irving and Ellen Terry will, it is said, by and by make a professional visit to Australia.

## *OSWEGO COUNTY DELEGATES.*

Oswego, N. Y., Sept. 22.—At the 1st Assembly District Democratic Convention, held at Fulton to-day, John N. Sharpe, of Fulton, was nominated for member of Assembly. The delegates elected to the State Convention are Charles N. Bulger, S. A. Russell and Richard R. Hoffman.

NO PEACE FOR THE BABY.

## *SYMPATHY FOR STEPHANIE.*

THE PRINCESS GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF THE TROUBLE WITH HER FATHER.

Brussels, Belgium, Sept. 22.—The scandal arising from the revival of the family quarrel between King Leopold and his daughter, the Princess Stephanie (Countess of Lonyay), beside the bier of the late Queen Marie Henriette at Spa yesterday (when the King refused to speak to the princess and compelled her to leave the royal palace), is agitating all classes. Popular sympathy on all sides is expressed for the princess, who, although deeply affected by the incident, makes no complaint. The princess herself has given out a simple statement of the facts as follows:

The precise facts are these: I was praying at the bier of the Queen when some one came, about 4 o'clock, to tell me the King would not receive me. I immediately left the death chamber. I had no interview with his majesty.

I was at Cromer, England, when I learned of the death of the Queen. Like a loving daughter and a patriot I hurried to Spa to render the last honors to my mother.

As the King has caused an intimation to be conveyed to me that he does not desire my presence, I am going to Calais, where my husband will meet me. Thence I shall probably return to England. There was no scene between the King and myself at Spa.

Princess Stephanie started for Calais this afternoon. She was most enthusiastically greeted by large crowds of people at the railroad station, while cries of "Vive la Comtesse!" were raised, to which she replied:

"I thank you with all my heart."

Then, apparently quite overcome by the popular demonstration, the princess burst into tears.

It was hoped by the public, who applauded Princess Stephanie's love match with the Count of Lonyay, that the death of the Queen would lead to healing the rupture, but the incident at Spa is taken to demonstrate that the King is as irreconcilable as ever to what he openly has designated as a mesalliance, even after the approval of the Austrian Emperor, Francis Joseph.

During the whole railroad journey from Spa to this city the princess was shaken with sobs, and arrived here greatly prostrated. This morning she attended a special requiem mass ordered by herself. On leaving the church the princess was sympathetically greeted by the assembled crowds.

The funeral train arrived at Laeken at 3:40 p. m. The engine was draped with a crape covered flag. The King and the other member of the royal family, the men in full uniform, with crape scarfs and swordhilts covered with crape, descended and gathered in the waiting room, to which the coffin was removed. The procession afterward started for a neighboring church, the Grenadiers' band playing a funeral march. The coffin was borne into the church, where the Archbishop of Malines pronounced the absolution, after which the coffin, followed by the King and other notabilities, was taken to the crypt. The body later will be placed in the mausoleum.

Large crowds of people lined the route from the railroad station to the church, and all the streets in the vicinity were draped with black. The interior of the church was hung with black.

## FUNERAL SERVICES OF THE QUEEN.

Spa, Belgium, Sept. 22.—The funeral services, preparatory to the removal of the body of Queen Marie Henriette to Brussels were held this morning in a church here. The coffin later was placed in a car and was completely hidden by flowers. King Leopold, leaning on the arm of Prince Albert of Flanders, the heir presumptive to the throne, followed on foot, the ministers, generals and other distinguished persons bringing up the rear. The route of the funeral procession was lined with troops and crowded with people.

After the requiem mass the cortège proceeded to the railroad station. The King, Prince Albert, the Princess Clementine and the ministers accompanied the body to the train.

## *DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY.*

NEGRO, WHO WAS ONE OF THE FIGHTERS IN BIRMINGHAM CHURCH, WHERE MANY DIED IN PANIC, READY FOR TRIAL.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 22.—William Hicks, the negro insurance agent with, whom whom J. H. Ballou, a negro lawyer, engaged in an altercation which caused a cry of fight, that, on being mistaken for "fire," occasioned the panic in Shiloh Church on Friday night, in which more than one hundred persons were killed, is under arrest. After making bond, he gave out the following statement:

I do not feel responsible for the stampede or death of so many Christian people, but how the courts will look at this will be a different matter, and I will willingly abide b ytheir verdict. I will be ready for trial to-morrow at 10 o'clock, and am anxious for the matter to be settled.

An investigation of the cause of the disaster will begin in the Superior Criminal Court to-morrow.

## *"THE CRISIS" IN PHILADELPHIA.*

Philadelphia, Sept. 22.—"The Crisis," Winston Churchill's dramatization of his own novel of the same name, was presented by James K. Hackett here to-night, opening the season of the Chestnut Street Opera House. The play follows the book closely in the romance of Stephen Brice and Virginia Carvel, but leaves historical characters and incidents of the Civil War in the background. Colonel Carvel, Judge Whipple, the Colfaxes, Elphalet Hopper and other characters of the novel are retained, but Lincoln, Grant and Sherman do not appear.

The scenes are laid in St. Louis, some of them being strikingly handsome. The nearest approach to a battle is the capture of Camp Jackson, which takes place "off stage." The opening scene of the slave auction is also indicated through the windows of Judge Whipple's office. As the Northern hero, Brice, Mr. Hackett was received with great favor, while Charlotte Walker, herself a Southern girl, is thoroughly at home in the role of Virginia Carvel. An enthusiastic audience approved the play and called Mr. Hackett out for a curtain speech after the third act.

## *DR. DEDRICK KEEPS SILENCE.*

Dr. T. S. Dedrick still remains firm in his determination to say nothing at the present time as to what happened between him and Lieutenant Peary. Although Dr. Dedrick says he intends to make a statement of the trouble from his side next Wednesday night, at the home of his friend, Dr. Frederic Cook, of Brooklyn, the former surgeon of the relief ship Erik, he refused last night to talk on any subject connected with the lately returned expedition. Dr. Dedrick and his wife are staying at present at the St. Denis Hotel.

## *W. A. STRACHAN GETS OFF EASILY.*

HE IS FINED $10 FOR THE HOLDING UP OF PATROLMAN COLGAN AND H. E. DEY AT PELHAM MANOR.

W. A. Strachan, the young New-York cotton broker who, while returning from the annual affair of the Huckleberry Indians on Sunday night, September 14, held up Patrolman Colgan and Harry E. Dey with a big revolver at Pelham Manor and compelled them to march to the Travers Island home of the New-York Athletic Club, a distance of nearly two miles, was tried by the authorities of that village last night. The trial was held at the home of Justice Hill, behind closed doors, and reporters were not permitted to listen. Chief of Police Marks was stationed on the lawn to warn them away, and the greatest secrecy was observed to keep the proceedings from becoming public.

Strachan was accompanied by Frank K. Hunter and a party of friends from the New-York Athletic Club, and by Mr. Friedman, his lawyer. Charles H. Pond, of the J. Pierpont Morgan Company; W. P. Randall, village President, and other prominent citizens were also called into consultation. After a long star chamber session among the club members it was agreed that if the men who were held up would withdraw their charge against the broker of carrying a revolver and threatening their lives he would plead guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct. This arrangement was made to save Strachan from being held for the Westchester Grand Jury on a charge that might have proved serious.

Strachan was then arraigned, pleaded guilty to the charge of disorderly conduct and was fined $10 and imprisonment. Judge Hill said that he would omit the imprisonment, as it was optional with him.

The holdup has been a leading topic of conversation in Pelham Manor since it occurred. The broker, who is only twenty-five, but big and athletic, tried to leap on a train at the Pelham Manor station while on his way home from the annual handshake of the Flub Dubs of the Larchmont Yacht Club, and the Huckleberry Indians of the New-York Athletic Club. He missed his footing and fell, and a policeman and Mr. Dey, who is a son of John H. Dey, formerly Editor of "The Evangelist," rushed to his assistance. The broker mistook them for robbers, and, drawing his revolver, made them hold up their hands and marched them a mile and a half to the New-York Athletic Club. When the gates of the club were reached he made them face about, and then, pointing the weapon at them, told them to go or he would shoot. Policeman Colgan was not in uniform, and the broker declares that he supposed that he was a tramp or robber.

## *TRIED TO WRECK CZAR'S TRAIN.*

RAILS REMOVED FROM TWO ROUTES BY WHICH HE TRAVELLED.

London, Sept. 23.—In a dispatch from St. Petersburg the correspondent there of "The Daily Express" reports an attempt to throw from the track the train upon which the Czar travelled from Kursk. Rails were removed on the two routes over which the Czar might travel. In one instance the plot was discovered and in the other the train was wrecked. The Czar reached St. Petersburg safely.

## *NAME ATWATER FOR CONGRESS.*

HE GETS DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION IN VIIITH DISTRICT—WRIGHTSON FOR MAYOR OF NEWARK.

Henry G. Atwater, of East Orange, was nominated for Congress by the Democratic convention of the VIIIth District, held in Newark, yesterday.

Last night the Democratic city and county conventions were held. For several hours prior to the city convention the leaders debated the Mayoralty situation. Judge Krueger had been slated for Mayor, despite his declination, in the hope that he would accept after the nomination. Emphatic assurances that he would in no circumstances be the candidate were received from the judge, and a new nominee was discussed. Finally it was decided to change the slate for Sheriff and nominate Dr. James T. Wrightson for Mayor. The word was passed to the delegates and Wrightson was nominated. Mayor Seymour had no support of any consequence.

Charles Herr and James A. Rowe were nominated for Board of Work Commissioners. Samuel Kalisch was nominated for Senator, William Nicoll for Sheriff and Simeon H. Rollinson for County Clerk. Eleven Assembly candidates were nominated.

## *STOPS CASE, ORDERS INVESTIGATION.*

A SUIT ON TRIAL AT LONG ISLAND CITY MAY THROW LIGHT ON NATURE OF CITY CONTRACTS.

What is believed to be a ray of light on some city contracts was let in yesterday in the Supreme Court in Long Island City, Justice Smith presiding. The testimony in the suit on trial was such that Justice Smith stopped the case when it was half finished and ordered that the city's representatives investigate the facts and come into court with them.

The action was brought by James Carroll, a contractor, against Patrick Meehan, another contractor, with whom George C. Clausen, as Commissioner of Parks, was coupled as codefendant. The testimony showed that Meehan obtained a contract from the Park Department to do some sodding in the parks in the upper part of Manhattan and in The Bronx. Meehan sublet the contract to Carroll and another and they did the work. Meehan paid Carroll and his associate for 68,000 square feet of work done. Carroll testified that he was content with this, as he considered it a fair measurement, until he learned that Meehan's bill to the department called for pay for 190,000 square feet of sodding done. He then decided that if Meehan was to be paid for 92,000 square feet more than he had allowed to him, he should be paid proportionately, and to secure himself in the case sued out a lien on the money due to Meehan. This restrained the payment of the bill, and as ex-Park Commissioner Clausen was the custodian of the money on which the lien had been placed he was made a party to the suit brought against Meehan by Carroll.

## *FIRST CHINESE FOUNDLING HERE.*

The first Chinese foundling ever seen in this city was picked up last night at the South Ferry elevated station. The child is about two weeks old, a girl, and undoubtedly a Chinese infant. The little Celestial, with almond eyes, was dressed in a white baby's skirt of nice texture, but of Occidental rather than Oriental design. The colors of the Flowery Kingdom were to be seen in the underclothing, which was of a brilliant yellow. Around each of the tiny legs were four bows of ribbon, two of yellow, one of blue and another of purple. In place of shoes, the child wore white worsted stockings. She had no hat or cap, but had thick, black hair. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

## *REFUSES HABEAS CORPUS WRITS.*

ST. LOUIS EX-DELEGATES REMANDED TO JAIL WITHOUT BAIL.

St. Louis, Sept. 22.—Word was received from Jefferson City to-night that Judge Gannt, of the State Supreme Court, had rendered his decision on the petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed last week at Jefferson City to secure the release of ex-Delegates Schumacher, Helms, Tamblyn and Schnettler, now in jail here, on the charges of bribery and perjury. Judge Gannt remanded the prisoners to the custody of the Sheriff and refused to fix the amount of bail. Recently a fund to defray the expenses of prosecuting the boodle cases was started. County Attorney Folk to-day issued a statement that $8,316 had so far been contributed.

The grand jury met this afternoon for a brief inquiry into the city lightning legislation. Only three witnesses were summoned. Deputy sheriffs to-day rearrested ex-Delegates Jerry J. Hannigan, T. E. Albright and Charles J. Denny on information filed by Mr. Folk. They gave renewed bonds in the sum of $30,000 each, two charges being included in the informations.

It developed to-day that a bodyguard has been appointed for John K. Murrell, ex-member of the House of Delegates, who returned from Mexico and turned State's evidence.

## *OBITUARY.*

### MRS. JULIA LYON.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 22.—The last except one of the original Holcomb family, which has been so largely identified with Naples history, passed away when Mrs. Julia Lyon, widow of Simeon C. Lyon, died at her home in that village Saturday. She was ninety-three years old. Until a short time ago she had the full possession of her faculties. The death of a favorite son one year ago seemed to sap her strength. She was one of twelve children of Winthrop Holcomb, all of whom were born in this vicinity, with their descendants, have constituted for seventy years a large proportion of the inhabitants of Naples and South Bristol. The first home of their father in New-York State was on the west shore of Canandaigua Lake, which until recently was known as Holcomb's Point, now Cook's Point, and many of the family still reside in that region. One younger sister, Mrs. Emily Marks, still lives in Naples, though in feeble health. Mrs. Lyon leaves two children.

### QUARTUS A. GRAVES.

Quartus A. Graves, a well known hotel man, died last night at the Cadillac, of which he was formerly proprietor. Mr. Graves, who was sixty years old, had been ill for about a year from stomach and heart trouble. Until about four years ago he was proprietor of the Cadillac Hotel in Detroit. He also owned the Griswold in Detroit, and hotels in Kansas City, Mo. Until last June he was proprietor of the Cadillac in this city, but because of illness he sold it at that time.

He leaves a widow, and one son by his first wife. He was a member of the Suburban Riding and Driving Club. The funeral will be on Wednesday, in Syracuse.

### PROFESSOR LUTHARDT.

Berlin, Sept. 22.—Professor Luthardt, probably the most noted strictly orthodox theologian in Germany, died at Leipsic to-day. He was eighty years old.

### DR. CHARLES MERRITT.

Dr. Charles Merritt, eighty-nine years old, died on Sunday at the home of his son, Dr. Charles G. Merritt, a dental surgeon, living at No. 184 South Third-ave., Mount Vernon. Dr. Merritt was a leading physician of Bridgeport, Conn., and had practised in that city for many years. He had been living in Mount Vernon only a short time.

## *THE WEATHER REPORT.*

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

Washington, Sept. 22.—Showers have continued from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains except in the extreme Northwest, and there were also local showers in the upper lake region and along the Atlantic Coast, elsewhere the weather has been fair. Temperatures have risen generally though not decidedly, except in the south slope and along the California coast, where they have fallen. There will be showers Tuesday in the central valleys, the upper lake and western lower lake region, the Gulf States and locally in New-England, and showers Wednesday in the Atlantic States, lower lake region and upper Ohio Valley. Temperature changes will not be marked east of the Mississippi River, while to the westward it will be warmer. On the New-England Coast winds will be variable over north and fresh northeast over the south portion; on the Middle Atlantic Coast they will be light to fresh north; on the South Atlantic Coast light and variable; on the Gulf Coast fresh and mostly southeast; on the Great Lakes variable. Steamers which depart for European ports Tuesday will have fresh winds, mostly northeast, and generally fair weather to the Grand Banks.

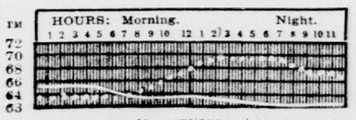
FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND WEDNESDAY.

For New-England, partly cloudy to-day, with showers in east portion; Wednesday partly cloudy; fresh winds on the coast, mostly east to northeast.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, New-Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, Eastern New-York and Virginia, fair to-day; increasing cloudiness Wednesday, possibly showers; light to fresh winds, mostly northeast.

For Western Pennsylvania and Western New-York, increasing cloudiness to-day; Wednesday showers and cooler; light south winds, becoming variable.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.




In this diagram the continuous line shows the changes in pressure as indicated by The Tribune's self-recording barometer. The dotted line shows the temperature as recorded by the local Weather Bureau.

The following official record from the weather bureau shows the changes in the temperature for the last twenty-four hours in comparison with the corresponding date of last year:

| | 1902. | 1901. | | 1902. | 1901. |
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| 3 a. m. | 64 | 58 | 6 p. m. | 68 | 68 |
| 6 a. m. | 63 | 58 | 9 p. m. | 68 | 66 |
| 9 a. m. | 64 | 67 | 11 p. m. | 67 | 65 |
| 12 m. | 66 | 69 | 12 p. m. | 67 | 62 |
| 4 p. m. | 69 | 70 | | | |

Highest temperature, 70 degrees; lowest, 63; average yesterday, 66; average for corresponding date last year, 64; average for corresponding date last twenty-five years, 63.

Local forecast for to-day.—Fair to-day; increasing cloudiness Wednesday; possibly showers; light fresh winds, mostly northeast.

# THE PASSING THRONG.

R. B. Schuman, of Elizabeth, N. J., was speaking last night at the Murray Hill Hotel of the condition of the apple crop in New-England and the Middle States this year. He pointed out an interesting feature of the export trade to Germany. "More American apples are taken in Germany every year than in any other European country," said Mr. Schuman, "and the American apple is known and liked everywhere. The variety of apple which is preferred in Germany, however, is not the tart, keen tasting varieties which find favor to a great degree here, but is a sweet, fine textured table apple. The crop in Germany and England, which are the greatest European apple producing countries, is poor this year, and this will undoubtedly give an added impetus to our harvesting. One hundred thousand barrels have already been called for by Hamburg alone in orders placed with American exporters. The Germans will not tolerate poor stock. They like an apple, not because it is an apple, but because it is good. Fourteen per cent of the entire apple crop of the United States last year was furnished by Pennsylvania. It is expected that New-York will produce over 25 per cent of the total amount from the entire country last year, and the acreage in both these States exceeds last season's. Of course this will bring prices down. In some cases of early shipments of choice handpicked varieties the prices have already been cut in half over those of 1901, while for windfalls only 26 per cent of last year's figure is being asked. In my State buyers have been offering no more than $1 a barrel picked, and getting more contracts than they can take care of at that."

THE AMERICAN APPLE CROP.

It is seldom, indeed, that so grave a problem of municipal government confronts a community as that which the town of Reading, Mass., is called on to grapple with just now. Reading has not in the past been a town of historic importance, though some students of Revolutionary history may remember that a company of Reading Minute Men fought at Merriam's Corner on April 19, 1775. But in its present crisis it deserves the attention of all serious students of government. "The question which Reading, a town about twelve miles north of Boston, is now wrestling with," said F. H. Cutler, of Boston, at the Fifth Avenue yesterday, "is no less a problem than this—shall the Italian fruit dealer, whose store is on the main square of the town, be allowed to have a whistle on his peanut roaster, or shall he not? The citizens have taken sides on the question; a long list of them have signed a petition asking that the Italian's whistle, which was removed some time ago by order of the police, be restored, while many others are opposed to the restoration. So heated is the controversy that the Selectmen of the town have set a date for a public hearing, when the citizens and the Italian will meet and discuss the grave question pro and con, and by public vote it will be decided whether the whistle shall shrill or be forever silent. The objection to the whistle is based on aesthetic grounds; it makes too much noise, its opponents say, and does not keep on the key when the band is playing on the common or the outdoor meetings of the local Young Men's Christian Association break forth into a hymn. The Italian and his supporters, on the other hand, urge that to abolish the whistle means to lose trade for the dealer, and is unfair. The sacred rights of man are in question. It surely is a matter worthy to be decided by that cherished institution of our republic—the New-England town government."

SHALL PEANUT WHISTLE SHRILL IN READING?

## *WILL OF JOHN P. HUGGINS.*

PRACTICALLY ALL OF ESTATE OF OVER A MILLION FOR RELATIVES.

The will of John P. Huggins, who died at Wolfsborough, N. H., on September 9, was filed for probate yesterday by Francis B. Chedsey, attorney for Samuel J. Huggins, of One-hundred-and-fifty-seventh-st. and St. Nicholas-ave., and James H. Martin, of East Wolfsborough, the executors. The estate is valued at $300,000 in real and $750,000 in personal property. With the exception of $1,000 bequeathed to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of East Wolfsborough, Mr. Huggins leaves all his estate to relatives of himself and his deceased wife.

His sister, Mrs. Sallie Ann Eaton, receives $65,000; her son, Almon W. Eaton, $72,000; his sister, Mrs. Mary R. Martin, $97,000; his niece, Lydia Remick Chadwick, $67,000; his brother, Samuel J. Huggins, $72,000; his granddniece, Ruth Lydia Huggins, $87,000; his grandnephew, Nathaniel Huggins, $42,000, and his grandnephew, Everett N. Huggins, $67,000 of the residuary estate. Legacies of specific amounts are made to most of these.

## *THOUSANDS STUDY AT COOPER UNION.*

Cooper Union opened last evening with all classes full and about eight hundred more applications for admission than could be accommodated. This is mainly due to the large number who wish to enter the first year of the scientific course, 930 having made application, of whom only 180 can be admitted. In the other courses almost all the applicants can be taken care of. There will be offered this year a new course in naval architecture and special courses in chemistry. The total registration in all courses is about three thousand.

**Burnett's Cocoaine** promotes the growth of the Hair and renders it dark and glossy.

## *MARRIED.*

BLAKER—HICKOK—On Monday, Sept. 22d, 1902, at Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Dr. John C. Bliss, Evelyn Isabelle, daughter of Geo. S. Hickok, to Walter Harrison Blaker.

HAYDOCK—HILLYER—On Thursday, Sept. 18, 1902, by the Rev. W. B. Wigg, of Newark, N. J., James Meeks Haydock to Helen, daughter of A. C. Hillyer, all of Fort Richmond, Staten Island.

YOUNG—TORRENCE—At Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, September 22, 1902, by Rev. Alexander H. Young, D. D., assisted by Rev. John C. Bliss, D. D., Miss Lucretia Torrence, of New-York City, to Harry Wade Young, of Red Bank, N. J.

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

## *DIED.*

Babcock, Samuel D.
Cooper, Walter M.
Crook, Eleanora R.
Du Pont, Mary P.
Frost, Sarah L.
Gedney, Eugene K.
Merritt, Charles
Newman, Henrietta E.
Quinby, Maria R.
Ross, Rieka.
Seaman, Sarah B.
Snow, Olive A. E.
Stevens, Martha B.
Van Horne, Ogden B.
Winne, Charles H.

BABCOCK—

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the NEW YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY, held at Grand Central Depot, in the City of New-York, on Monday, the 22d day of September, 1902.

The death of Mr. Babcock, a member of the Board, being announced, it was ordered that the following entry be made upon the minutes:

This Board has learned with profound regret of the death of one of its valued members, Samuel D. Babcock. Mr. Babcock was elected Director on April 19, 1893, and has served continuously ever since.

In the course of a long, honorable and successful life, he held many positions of confidence and trust. He was selected and served for many years as Trustee of the largest and most important Life Insurance and Trust Companies of the United States. In these responsible and difficult positions, his advice and direction proved of great value to the success of these institutions. He was an authority on finance, and many organizations of which he was a director are largely indebted to his wisdom and judgment for the high positions which they now occupy. The qualities which made him of such value in other and different corporations commended him to the stockholders of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company.

As an associate during the last nine years he has been most helpful in the affairs submitted and acted upon by this Board. In his death we mourn the loss of a business associate whose advice and counsel we so highly appreciated, and of a friend who was endeared to us by his many and attractive personal qualities.

E. D. WORCESTER,
Secretary.

COOPER—On Saturday, September 20, Walter Mason Cooper, in his 38th year. Funeral services at his residence, No. 546 Park-ave., East Orange, N. J., on Tuesday, September 23, at 10:30 a. m.; also services at Christ Church, Clinton-st., Brooklyn, on Tuesday, at 2 p. m.

CROOK—Suddenly, on Saturday, the 20th inst., at her late residence, Eleanora Rogers, widow of William Crook, in the 71st year of her age. Funeral private.

DU PONT.—At Marblehead, Mass., on Saturday, the 20th inst., Mary Pauline, wife of Henry A. du Pont, and daughter of the late Herman Ten Eyck Foster. Funeral services at Christ Church, near Montchanin, Del., at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, September 23. Carriages will be at Wilmington to meet 10:55 Pennsylvania and 11:30 B. and O. trains from New-York.

FROST—At her residence, 21 Perry-st., on Monday, September 22, 1902, Sarah Louise, daughter of the late Jane L. and Horton Frost. Funeral service at the above address on Wednesday, September 24, at 4 p. m. Interment at convenience of family.

GEDNEY—At his residence, Millwood, Westchester County, N. Y., on Sunday, the 21st inst., Eugene Ketteltas Gedney, in the 61st year of his age. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, the 24th inst., at the Friends' Meeting House, Chappaqua, at 1 o'clock p. m. Carriages will meet the train leaving Grand Central Station at 11.25 a. m.

MERRITT—At Mount Vernon, N. Y., September 21, 1902, Dr. Charles Merritt, in his eighty-ninth year. Funeral service will be held at the residence of his son, Dr. Charles G. Merritt, No. 134 South Third-ave., Mount Vernon, on Wednesday, September 24, at 3:30 p. m.

NEWMAN—Suddenly, at her home, No. 7 Greystone Terrace, Yonkers, N. Y., on Monday, September 22, 1902, Henrietta Elizabeth Newman, wife of James Madison Newman, in her sixty-fourth year. Notice of funeral hereafter.

QUINBY—At White Plains, N. Y., September 22, 1902, Maria R., wife of Egbert Quinby, aged sixty-two years and seven months. Funeral service from her late residence, 13 Davis-ave., White Plains, N. Y., on Wednesday, September 24, 1902, at 2:30 o'clock.

ROSS—At New-Brunswick, N. J., Sept. 22, 1902, after a lingering illness, Rieka Ross, a faithful and beloved maid for over 28 years in the family of the late Professor T. S. Doolittle. Funeral services from the residence of Mrs. Doolittle, Seminary Place, at 3 p. m. on Wednesday.

## *DIED.*

SEAMAN.—At Woodbury, Orange County, N. Y., on First day, morning, Sarah B., daughter of the late Jacob and Hannah Seaman, aged 75 years. Funeral at her late home, on Fourth day, the 24th inst., at half past 11 o'clock. Carriages will meet train leaving Jersey City at 9:15, via Erie Railroad.

SNOW—At Chadwick, N. J., September 20, Olive A. Estes, wife of William W. Snow. Funeral services at her late residence, Hillburn, N. Y., Tuesday, September 23, at 3 o'clock P. M.

STEVENS—Entered into rest, at Bernardsville, N. J., on Sunday, September 21, 1902, Martha Bayard, daughter of Robert L. and Mary S. Stevens, in the 7th year of her age. Funeral Tuesday, September 23, at 2 p. m., at St. Bernard's Church, Bernardsville, N. J.

VAN HORNE—On Monday, September 15, at his home, Middle Island, N. Y., Ogden Budd, eldest child of Abner O. and Isabel Van Horne, in the twenty-fifth year of his age.

WINNE—At Albany, N. Y., Sunday, September 21, 1902, Charles Henry Winne. Funeral services private, on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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