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We called attention last week to the survival in Massachusetts and one or two other New England states of the idea that it is in derogation of the dignity and personal importance of delegates to national conventions to hamper them with instructions. A great deal of virtuous indignation has been expressed by certain statesmen in Massachusetts who wish to be sent to represent the state in the next Republican National Convention at the proposal to strip them of plenipotentiary discretion and reduce them to the rank of mere agents for their constituents.

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By thus virtually placing the bribe giving merchant or selling agent in the same category with the thief the court has brought about a most wholesome reform. The urgent need of eliminating corruption from the business world was felt by the Legislature in 1905, when that body enacted Section 384 of the present Penal Code, declaring the bribery of buying agents a misdemeanor. Practically every business man in this part of the country is able to testify out of his own experience to the prevalence of this demoralizing and costly practice.

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NEW YORK SOCIETY.

Another name was added yesterday at noon to the ever-growing list of American-born duchesses of the Old World through the marriage of Miss Theodore Shonts, daughter of Theodore P. Shonts, to the Duc de Chaulnes, bearer of one of the oldest and most illustrious titles of the French nobility. The ceremony, owing to the fact that the bridegroom is a Roman Catholic and the bride a Protestant, did not take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral or in any of the Episcopal churches of the city, but at the house in East 56th street, which Theodore Shonts has rented from James F. D. Lanier. The ceremony was performed by Monsignor Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, assisted by the Rev. John J. Byrne, in the drawing room on the second floor, which had been decorated for the occasion with American Beauty roses and lilies-of-the-valley. The bridegroom escorted the bride's mother, Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, and was followed by his uncle, Prince André Galtzoff, who officiated as best man, and who offered his arm to his niece, the young Duchess d'Uzes, dressed in a gown of white satin, trimmed with black fox and Valenciennes lace and embroidered with silver. Her silver gauze hat was adorned with yellow marabout feathers, tipped with brown and mingled with yellow ostrays. After them walked Miss Marguerite Shonts, who was her sister's only attendant. Her frock was of blue satin crepe de Chine, trimmed with embroidered lace. The bridesmaid, escorted by a blue tulle hat with feathers of the same hue, then came the bride herself, escorted by her father. She was attired in a gown of white satin, trimmed with Malines and appliqued with point d'Angleterre lace. The bridal veil was Brussels point d'algulle lace. Stephen van Rensselaer and Harold Brown officiated as ushers.

The musical features of the ceremony were furnished by the quartet and the choir of St. Patrick's Cathedral, the programme comprising the chorus from "Ruth," the bridal chorus of "Lohengrin" and Mendelssohn's "Brightest and Best." The ceremony was followed by a reception and by a buffet wedding breakfast.

Among the guests were Mrs. Jusserand, Ambassador at Washington, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mrs. George Jay Gould, Miss Mabel Gerry, Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, August Belmont, Mrs. Reginald de Koven, Francis J. Otis, Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, Mrs. E. Reeve Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morton, Mrs. James B. Haggin, Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Redmond, Mrs. Gouverneur Kortright, Count de St. Germain, Mrs. Charles H. Marshall and Miss Evelyn Marshall, Miss Annie Leary and Mme. des-Portes de la Fosse.

Another wedding of yesterday was that of Miss Hildegarde Kobbé to Joseph Hutchison Stevenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Stevenson, of Hewlett, Long Island, in Christ Church, Babylon, Long Island, Miss Virginia Kobbé, the maid of honor, and the bridesmaids, Miss Leonie Alexander and Miss Marion Stevenson, were dressed in frocks of pale yellow tulle, with tulle picture hats of the same shade, trimmed with feathers of a similar hue, while the bride's gown was of white satin and lace. The ceremony was followed by a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Kobbé, the parents of the bride, at their place at Babylon, Long Island. The wedding trip will take the form of an automobile tour through Southern California.

Dances, theatricals, musicals and receptions crowd the programme of society for the last fortnight before the beginning of Lent, and both opera houses still have a full attendance in spite of the many members of the fashionable set whose names figure on the passenger lists of outgoing liners. Moreover, there are plenty of smart weddings, for the winter now drawing to a close has been particularly prolific in engagements.

AUTHOR OF TERM "CARPET-BAGGER."

From the Boston Transcript. A French graduate who died recently was the inventor of the term "carpet-bagger." He was Colonel Joseph Hodgson, 56, of New Orleans, prominent at the end of the war as a Confederate colonel, and editor at various times of "The Kansas City Enquirer," "The Montgomery Mail," "The Daily Republican" and "The Boston Herald." It was while he was editor of "The Montgomery Mail" and engaged in the discussion of the "carpet-bagger" question that he first used the term "carpet-bagger," and first used it against the members of the Alabama convention of 1865.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

CONGRESS.—The Senate was not in session. House.—The legislative appropriation bill was under consideration; Mr. Sims, of Tennessee, declared that a "reign of terror" existed in Washington, and that the prevalence of crime was due to the inefficiency of the police.

FOREIGN.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg said that preliminary orders had been issued for the expedition of 60,000 troops to the Persian frontier. —Nicholas Gerhard, Governor General of Finland, was removed and General von Oxenfeldt appointed to his place. —Oxford Boeckman, appointed to the post of American legation in London, declined the challenge of American colleges and universities for a track and field contest. —Admiral Evans expressed his wireless messages to the fleet by the recalled Chilean government, "the greeting at Valparaiso." —No confirmation of the report of the assassination of the Shah of Persia has been obtained, and the rumor is generally discredited. —Many persons in London are suffering from influenza, including three Cabinet ministers and a large number of residents of the West End. —T. Miyako, counselor of the Japanese Embassy at Washington, has been recalled to Tokio, and his successor will be K. Matsui, who will take the same post at Paris.

DOMESTIC.—It was announced in Washington that the government will prosecute the Southern Pacific Railroad Company on the charge of giving rebates to shippers. —Frank H. Hitchcock will resign the office of U. S. Assistant Postmaster General to-morrow to assume the management of Secretary Taft's Presidential campaign. —Congressman Theodore E. Burton was renominated in Cleveland for the next term by the Republican National Convention and instructed for Taft. —The flood stage was reached on the upper Ohio River and tributaries, with resultant reports of damage at Pittsburgh. —A fire mark of nearly two feet was passed at noon, with a prediction of thirty feet this morning. —Seventy aliens who managed to land from vessels in Philadelphia were picked up by the police and deported by Long Island City. —The Hungarian government will return 300 alien destitute in Pittsburgh. —Eight women school teachers from New York called on Governor Hughes at Albany to-day to demand a demonstration to him the merits of the new "equal pay" bill which they have introduced. —The imperative need of state meat inspection and restrictions to check the spread of hog cholera was discussed in a statement issued at Albany by the Citizens' League of the State of New York. —Serious floods prevailed at several points in northern and central New York; a man was drowned at Blount. —The annual meeting of the Mackay Companies was held in Boston; their business was reported to be in a flourishing condition.

CITY.—Stocks were weak. —Secretary Taft spoke on national politics at New Haven. —The steamship "Laredo" in avoiding a collision went aground and stuck for an hour. —Seven shipwrecked members of the crew of the three-masted schooner Howard B. Peck were rescued by Long Island City. —The police could not find the indicted treasurer of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company. The Knickerbocker Trust Company temporarily resumed business on Friday. —Bankers said that the city bond sale showed there was much money awaiting investment. —Plans were announced for the funeral of Deputy Chief Kruger of the Fire Department. —Plans to merge Cuban railroads were announced.

THE WEATHER.—Fair to-day to-morrow; high west winds. The temperature yesterday: Highest, 56 degrees; lowest, 42.

DR. AMADOR'S EXAMPLE.

A generous and enlightened example, making for civic betterment and national tranquility, is set by the President of the Republic of Panama in the letter which was yesterday reproduced in our columns. In that utterance Dr. Amador refers with appreciative feeling to the appeals which have been and are being made to him to accept re-election to the Presidency for another term, but makes it unmistakably clear that he cannot accede to them, but must persist in his previously expressed determination to retire from office at the end of his constitutional term. The chief grounds for his resolution are three in number. One, which to a man of his patriotic devotion is doubtless least forceful, is that of his own personal comfort and inclination. The second is that there is no need of his remaining in office for the good of the country. He rejects the theory that he or any man is indispensable and that the republic will go to ruin without him, and is confident that the country is not lacking in other citizens perfectly competent to discharge the supreme charge of its affairs. The third and most important point is that for him to accept a second term would violate the constitutional principle. It would apparently violate it in letter, but even if a way could be found, as some of his overzealous admirers have suggested, to circumvent the constitutional prohibition of re-election and make his acceptance of a second term legal, still the spirit of the constitution would certainly be violated. It is with a fine touch of patriotic statesmanship that Dr. Amador argues that, as Panama separated from Colombia and re-established her independence in order to have a government of constitutional order, it would be inconsistent with the fundamental ideals of the republic for him to do as some of his friends desire. It is this last consideration which gives to Dr. Amador's letter its great value, both to Panama and to neighboring states, and which justifies the "Diario de Panama" in declaring that it will exert a weighty influence in the future of that country and the "Estrella" in likening its author to Washington. One of the chief political evils of the Central and South

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It is stern justice, but perfect justice for all its sternness, that has just been meted out by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to business men who sell goods by corrupting their patrons purchasing agents. The decision, which reverses previous judgments of two lower courts and brings joy to every commercial buyer, holds that a merchant need neither return nor pay for goods bought by an employe or purchasing agent whom the seller of such goods has bribed.

"BAD BOYS."

Nobody doubts the sincerity of Mr. Nathan Jones's complaint that it hurts the special committee on "bad boys" more than the "bad boys" themselves to recommend the revival of corporal punishment in the New York City schools. The committee is surely in earnest when it says, through its spokesman, that if anybody could have suggested a less disagreeable substitute for the rod the latter would never have been advised. But the investigators have discovered so much insubordination among school children and so little efficacy in the "moral treatment" of obnoxious youth that the hot rattan must be brought to the aid of cold reason if discipline, the better half of elementary culture, is to be maintained. The final verdict of school principals, as shown by the symposium and ballot held by the Board of Education, points clearly to a state of affairs too vexed and too complicated to be handled by ideal rules of mercy.

THE MILLIKOFF BOYCOTT.

The only becoming thing about the boycotting of Mr. Millikoff by the majority of the Russian Douma was the abandonment of it. The thing was conceived in ignorance or malignity and was carried out in boorish spite mingled with gross hypocrisy. The spectacle of a hundred Deputies pretending to be absorbed in the reading of newspapers while their abled and most distinguished colleague was speaking—half of them probably with the papers upside down and all of them doubtless not reading a word, but listening intently to the statesman whom they were ostentatiously endeavoring to insult—was not creditable to them and was not edifying to the world, though it may have been more amusing than otherwise to the unperturbed object of such petty spite.

A BIBLE OF 1544.

D. W. Dietrich, a school teacher of Warwick, R. I., has discovered a Bible, which is a Cambridge edition, that was printed in 1544 and partly in 1551 by Christophel Frueshauer, in Zurich, Switzerland. The Bible is in Latin and is a very fine specimen of the printing art. It is bound in heavy calfskin, almost half an inch thick. The back is heavily ribbed and studded with copper rivets. The corners are protected by heavy metal plates, and the book closes with a heavy metal clasp. The book is in excellent condition, and a request is now made of the Legislature to build a fireproof building in which these may be kept. It is a small structure, and without doubt the appropriation will be made.