EUSTON'S NEW EARL

His Impending Succession to the Dukedom of Grafton.

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Colonel Lord Alfred Fitz-Roy, formerly of the Coldstream Guards, and a man of sixty-two years, now becomes next heir to the dukedom of Grafton through the recent death of his childless elder brother, the Earl of Euston, to whose courtesy title he has already succeeded. His elevation to the dukedom cannot be long delayed, his father, the duke, being ninety-one years old and in poor health.

The late Lord Euston was well known in this country, having visited it on several occasions to represent Edward VII at great Masonic gatherings, the late King up to the time of his accession having been Grand Master of the Free Masons of the United Kingdom. Colonel Alfred Fitz-Roy is married to the daughter of Eric Carrington Smith, and has several children, being far more fortunate in his choice of a wife than was his elder brother, whose whole life was marred by a foolish and misguided marriage when he was a mere boy.

Quite young and inexperienced, he went through the form of a wedding ceremony with one of the most notorious demi-mondaines in London, a woman a dozen years older than himself. When he recovered his senses and realized what he had done he was horrified, gave up all his money to the woman and left her, going to Australia in order to get as far away from her as possible and begin life anew. He did well in the Antipodes, securing employment and acquitting himself in a most creditable manner of his self-imposed task.

Meanwhile his friends at home were exerting themselves in his behalf. One day he was overjoyed at receiving word from them that they had been tracing the antecedents of his "wife" and were convinced that his union to her was invalid, because she had a husband living at the time she went through the marriage ceremony with Lord Euston. Full of hope, he made haste to return to London and began suit to get rid of the woman. Search was made for George Manley Smith, the woman's husband. He was found in New Zealand, and with considerable difficulty and at great expense was brought to England. His marriage to the woman was proved; there was no divorce from him, and the terrible incubus was about to be removed from Lord Euston.

But unexpectedly, and at the very last moment, the case took a new turn. Cross-examination brought to light the fact, hitherto unknown by Lady Euston and her lawyers, that at the time she went through the form of marriage with George Manley Smith he had a wife living, whom he had wedded three years previously, and that therefore there was no impediment to the marriage of Kate Walsh—Lady Euston—to Lord Euston. So Countess of Euston she remained until her death, in 1903.

For the last ten years of her life she was mentally unbalanced and not responsible for her actions, a state of affairs which prevented Lord Euston from obtaining any redress for her extravagances of conduct. When at last Lord Euston was free he had reached the age of fifty-five, and probably deemed himself too old to form a second and more worthy alliance. If he had survived his father and had taken a seat in the House of Lords he would have been one of the most imposing members of that august body; for he was very tall, standing over six feet four in his stocking feet. Of course, Lord Euston's conduct was highly censurable for contracting such an unsavory alliance.

His behavior throughout, however, though foolish, was free from any taint of dishonor. If, indeed, the whole truth were known, it might perhaps be traced to a sort of misguided chivalry, such as that which led to the second marriage of his sister, Lady Eleanor Fitz-Roy. The bestowal of her hand upon Major Harbord, younger brother of Lord Suffield, furnished a striking demonstration of the folly which women are likely to perpetrate when they allow their compassion to get the better of their common sense from motives of profound pity and impel them to throw themselves away upon men who have shown that they are unworthy of such a sacrifice.

It was nearly forty years ago, in the early part of 1875, I believe, that Major Walter Harbord, an officer of the 7th Hussars, was caught in the act of cheating at cards at the Cercle de la Mediterranée at Nice and ejected by the servants, after having been beaten by the men whom he had defrauded and the clothes almost torn from his back. The scandal was of the most public character and furnished columns of sensational comment to the Continental newspapers.

Of course, he was forced to leave the army and all his London and Paris clubs. It was then that Lady Eleanor Fitzroy, only daughter of the Duke of Grafton, was moved by pure compassion to offer the outcast her hand in marriage. A man with the smallest atom of honor or chivalry left in him would have declined to permit a woman to make such a sacrifice for his sake, or, if his scruples were overcome, a deep sense of gratitude would have caused him to show the utmost tenderness and consideration for a wife who had done so much for him. Not so with this Major Harbord.

The boycotting to which he was subjected by society perverted his mind, and he revenged himself on the last person in the world he should have raised his hand against. For a long time Lady Eleanor bore his cruel and humiliating conduct, not wishing to revive an old scandal. At last his behavior became so outrageous that she sued for and obtained a divorce, afterward marrying Major Herbert Richard Magniac. She died in 1905.

Tragedy of the "Mistletoe Bough."

By the death of his wife, Sir Anthony Cope is left a widower, at the age of seventy. His second son, Walter Galen Cope, it will be remembered, is married to Maria Ignacia de Estevez, of New York and Cuba. Sir Anthony is chief of one of the oldest families in England, much older, indeed, than its baronetcy. A Sir Anthony Cope was vice-chancellor to Queen Catherine Parr, the sixth (and surviving him) consort of Henry VIII, the Bluebeard monarch.

Bramshill, the county seat of the family, is one of the finest places in the south of England, and among other interesting relics shown to visitors, is the old oak chest in which, according to the legend, the "Mistletoe Bough" bride concealed herself when playing hide-and-seek on the evening of her wedding.

In a spirit of fun and to tease the bridegroom, she ran through the great mansion to find a good place to hide. In a seldom visited lumber room she spied the oak chest and chose it as an excellent means of temporary concealment. Full of this idea, she stepped into it and lowered the lid, which, by means of a secret and powerful spring, in the words of the poet, "fastened her down forever." Her disappearance long remained a mystery. The bridegroom, after hunting for her everywhere that he could think of, gave up the search in despair and "threw away his life in foreign wars."

Decades afterward, however, a skeleton was discovered in the chest, draped in bridal satins and lace, which served as the means for her absolute identification. For the "oldest inhabitant" of the neighboring village came forward and related the story of the mysterious spiriting away of the young bride, an almost forgotten episode in the family, another generation having meanwhile been born, matured and departed.

MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.

WEDDINGS.

In the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola yesterday morning Miss Helen H. Van Dusen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Van Dusen, was married to Horace Ogden Kilbourn, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Kilbourn, of Hartford, Conn. Father Richards and Father Spinnane officiated, and afterward there was a breakfast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Dusen, No. 132 East 35th street.

The bride wore a gown of cream satin, trimmed with duchesse lace which belonged to her great-grandmother, and a Spanish lace veil, also an heirloom. She carried lilies-of-the-valley. Her only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Frederick Drummond, of Ottawa, Canada. She was in deep pink satin, with a lace coat, and wore a Leghorn hat, trimmed with pink roses and black velvet.

Dr. Joseph Kilbourn was his brother's best man and the ushers were three other brothers, Orrin, Austin and Jonathan Kilbourn, and Gilbert Kinney. Dr. and Mrs. Kilbourn, after a short honeymoon trip, will make their home in Englewood, N. J., where they have taken a house.

Only relatives were present at the wedding yesterday of Mrs. Emily Betts Loomis and the Rev. Paul Moore Strayer, of Rochester. Mrs. Loomis is the daughter of Edward Richmond Betts, of No. 1263 Pacific street, Brooklyn, where the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Webster Strayer, father of the bridegroom.

In the Lady Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral Miss Margaret Imlay Boyd was married at noon yesterday to Dr. Forbes Robert McCreery, of No. 143 East 40th street. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Boyd, of Manhattan, was attended by Miss Natalie Whiting, of Boston. Dr. John A. McCreery, a nephew of the bridegroom, was the best man, and serving as ushers were Ramsey Hoguet, Louis J. de Milhau, John T. Boyd, jr., and Francis Boyd, brothers of the bride.

The Rev. Dr. Henry Brann performed the ceremony, which was followed by a breakfast at the Hotel Gotham.

The wedding of Miss Sadie Dorothy Cable, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cable, of No. 26 West 89th street, and Charles Dupee took place yesterday at the St. Regis. The bride's attendants were Miss Gladys Cable, Miss Dorothy Evans, Miss Dorothy Hess and Miss Margaret Hess. Mr. Dupee, who is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Prentice Dupee, had as best man Edwin H. Hess, and the ushers were Arthur Gilbert Chase, of Syracuse, and Brudenelle Exton. The Rev. Arthur H. Judge officiated.

Mr. Cable was graduated from Yale in '61, and was a member of the 1900 football team. He was also a member of the track team picked from Yale and Harvard which competed against Oxford and Cambridge in 1899.

Plainfield, N. J., May 15 (Special).—Miss Elizabeth Stetson Pierce, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Robert F. Y. Pierce, of New York, and Henry Trumbower Fielding, son of the Rev. and Mrs. James Fielding, of Scranton, Penn., were married this afternoon at the summer home of the bride's parents in this city.

OBITUARY.

THOMAS BLOODGOOD PECK.

Thomas Bloodgood Peck died yesterday at his house, No. 111 East 34th street, after a brief illness. He belonged to a family identified with early Colonial history, being a direct descendant of William Peck, who came to this country from London in 1627, and subsequently became one of the founders of the New Haven colony.

Mr. Peck was born in this city in 1832. His father, Charles Adee Peck, was a descendant of the Adee family of Westchester County, and was a well known merchant of his time, engaged in trade with China. His mother was a Bloodgood, a member of the family who were among the first settlers of Flushing, Long Island. He was named for his great-uncle, Thomas Bloodgood, the sixth president of the City Bank.

During his business activity Mr. Peck was interested in fire insurance. At the time of his death he was a director of the Empire City Fire Insurance Company. He was in his eightieth year. Several years ago he retired to devote his time largely to philanthropic and charitable occupations. He was a warden and vestryman of the Church of the Transfiguration and treasurer of its endowment fund for many years; president of the Port Chester Savings Bank and a trustee of the House of Mercy. He was a member of the American Institute and Metropolitan Museum of Art. His clubs were the St. Nicholas and Church, and he also was a member of the St. Nicholas Society and the Colonial Order of the Acorn. He leaves a wife and two sons.

The funeral will be held at the Church of the Transfiguration to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

JAMES HENRY HAYNIE.

Boston, May 15.—James Henry Haynie, an author and for many years prominent as foreign correspondent of American newspapers, died at his home in Newton Centre to-day.

Mr. Haynie was born in Winchester, Ill., in 1841. He enlisted in the first infantry company raised in Chicago, in 1861, and served in the Army of the Cumberland. After the war he became a reporter in Chicago. From 1875 to 1877 he was foreign editor of "The New York Times," in the latter year going to Paris as correspondent of "The New Orleans Picayune" and other papers.

Mr. Haynie was president for several terms of the Association of Foreign Correspondents at Paris, and was decorated with the crosses of the Legion of Honor (French) and Royal Order of the Saviour (Greek). He returned to America in 1896.

CLIFFORD S. WALTON.

Washington, May 15.—Clifford S. Walton, an international lawyer, author and soldier, consul general for Paraguay in this country for several years and a graduate of West Point, died at his home here today after a short illness from bronchial pneumonia, aged fifty-one years.

Mr. Walton served on a number of international law commissions, including those to settle controversies between the United States and Peru, Chili and Salvador. He studied law at the University of Madrid, Spain, being, as far as known, the only native American lawyer who was a licentiate in Spanish law. He was the author of "The Commercial and Maritime Laws of Latin-America." He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery next Friday. He was a member of the Army and Navy and the Chevy Chase clubs.

MRS ELIZABETH S. REID.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart Reid, the widow of Edward A. Reid, who was for many years cashier of the Manhattan Company, No. 40 Wall street, died yesterday at her home, at No. 1 East 128th street. Mrs. Reid was born at Amsterdam, N. Y., eighty-seven years ago. She came to this city in 1849, following her marriage, and had made it her home since. Her death came as the result of a fracture of the hip which she sustained in an accident in her home a few weeks ago and at her great age she was unable to withstand the shock. Mrs. Reid was an active member of the Church of the Puritans for many years. She leaves a son, Archibald E. Reid, and two daughters, Mrs. Richard A. Heath and Miss Elizabeth A. Reid, all of this city.

COLONEL EMMETT GARVIN LOGAN.

Baltimore, May 15.—Colonel Emmett Garvin Logan, former editor in chief of "The Louisville Times," died at a hospital here to-night. He was operated on last Tuesday for mastoiditis. After the operation an artery burst. Colonel Logan was born in Shelbyville, Ky., sixty-four years ago. His home was in Bowling Green, Ky. He had been out of active service for twelve years.

FRANKLIN HINCHEY.

Rochester, May 15.—Franklin Hinchey, who was chief land and tax agent for the New York Central for fifty years, is dead at his home in Gates, N. Y., aged eighty-three years. He personally purchased the right of way for the foundation of the four-tracked road between Buffalo and Albany in 1873. He retired in 1910.

BARRETT D. MITCHELL.

Rochester, May 15.—Barrett D. Mitchell, assistant vice-president of the New York Central lines, died suddenly at the Glen Springs sanatorium in Watkins last night. His home was in Detroit. He was born in Pittsford, N. Y., sixty-five years ago, and had offices in New York City. Death was due to Bright's disease and heart trouble.

WANT QUALITY IN BOOKS

Am. Booksellers' Convention Deplores Trend Toward Quantity.

STRONG PLEA FOR CHILDREN

Will Have Annual Dinner To-night, with More Speeches by Prominent Men.

As unto the bow the cord is,
So unto the Pubs the Seller.
Tho' he knocks him, yet he likes him,
'Cause he needs him, so he'll follow,
Useless each without the other.

Hollings C. Brown, of Little, Brown & Co., the Boston publishers, stood up before the American Booksellers' convention at the Hotel Astor yesterday and launched this paraphrase of the words of the poet.

The Booksellers greeted it with applause that indicated their recognition of its pat summing up of the trade questions that have come before the convention.

Mr. Brown referred to his early experiences in the book trade:

"Our old store was an active one," he said, "and I like to look back and remember the celebrated men of letters who came in. Mr. Longfellow, Mr. Lowell, Dr. Holmes, Mr. Whittier and Mr. Parkman were frequent visitors, and were regarded by me with great awe."

Mr. Brown urged the Booksellers to go in for "the broader view."

"Let us all adopt dear old Dr. Hale's motto," he advised. "'Look out and not in. Look forward and not back. Lend a hand.'"

Co-operation was the manifest spirit of the convention.

William Morrow, of the Frederick A. Stokes Company, struck the keynote. He urged co-operation of the bookseller and publisher to the end that, first, the publisher should bring out books that merit publication; then the publisher and bookseller should co-operate intelligently to bring worthy books to the attention of the reading public.

"The publisher's obligation to both bookseller and the reading public," said Mr. Morrow, "demands that the publisher shall be 'from Missouri.' He must be shown that a work deserves publication; that it has positive merit; that it has some new idea or novel treatment of an old idea; that it offers some real contribution; that there is an actual demand for it, or that a market can be found for it. Publishers examine thousands of manuscripts annually. Two or three out of each hundred may deserve serious consideration."

"Sam" Pleads for Quality.

S. A. Everett, of Doubleday, Page & Co.—"Sam" Everett, the book trade folks call him—talked about "Fewer Books and Better."

"Since the majority here are booksellers and not storage warehouse men," he said, "we may assume general agreement in the desirability of publishing fewer books and hoping they'll be better.

"The tendency has been generally toward greater volume in publishing during the last ten years. The publishers' weekly record from 1901 to 1906 runs from 7,000 to 8,000 volumes a year. From that time the quantity runs 9,600, 9,200, 11,000, 13,500 and 11,000 last year.

"In England the condition seems much the same.

"As long as there is this insane competition on both sides of the Atlantic on the part of agents and of publishers for indifferent books I see no chance of the situation being improved.

"An American publisher expresses one attitude when he says we want better books, just as we want better politics, and better men, and better automobiles, but where is the man with enough influence to count in such an effort?"

E. W. Mumford, of the Penn Publishing Company, Philadelphia, made one of the most notable addresses that the booksellers have had presented at any of their annual gatherings. Mr. Mumford put in a brief, an eloquent one, for "The boys and girls—their books."

Unlike Poets and Things.

"Readers must be built," argued Mr. Mumford. "They are rarely born."

"Five hundred millions of dollars are spent annually on education in this country. We have national organizations of men and women to promote child welfare, to decrease infant mortality, to provide good milk and pure food, to found libraries, to improve tenement houses, to open playgrounds and to prevent injurious child labor. A Child Welfare Bureau of the federal government has just been created to organize and promote these and kindred movements. Millions of money, countless hours of intelligent effort, and all to what end? To safeguard health, the judgment and the moral stamina of our sons and daughters, that the next generation shall be stronger, wiser, nobler and more efficient factors in our national life.

"In other words, the nation recognizes that as they mature it is going to need those young people in its business.

"We safeguard the children's physical health. Are we going to continue to disregard their mental health?"

C. G. Percy, of Grosset & Dunlap, gave the Booksellers some pertinent advice, based on experience, on daily newspaper advertising.

Others who addressed the convention were Davis L. James, of Cincinnati, on "Americana"; Frederick G. Melcher, of Boston, and John J. Wood, of Washington.

Frederick A. Stokes, the New York publisher, was called upon for an impromptu talk. He paid a touching tribute to the late George Borup, who was the guest of the Booksellers at their convention a year ago.

The Frederick A. Stokes Company, Grosset & Dunlap and Robert Hichens, the author, invited the Booksellers to be their guests at "The Garden of Allah" at the Century Theatre last evening.

At the annual dinner to-night at the Hotel Astor, Morgan Shuster, Dr. Harvey Wiley, Owen Johnson, Meredith Nicholson, Edward Howard Griggs and George P. Brett, of the Macmillan Company, will be the speakers.

AIMS TO PROMOTE DRAMA.

Stage Society of New York Incorporated to Present Plays of Merit.

Albany, May 15.—The Stage Society of New York, with its principal offices in New York City, was incorporated to-day to "promote and encourage the drama, and more particularly to give performances of plays of merit." The directors include:

Bridget Guinness, Windsor Forest, England; Constance L'Estrange, London; Beatrice Chanler, Harrison Rhodes, Henry G. Gray, Joseph B. Thomas, Fanny M. Cottenet and Rinaldo Strappa-Quaglia, of New York, and Henry J. Whigham, of Roslyn, Long Island.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELECT.

Watertown, N. Y., May 15.—The state convention of the Knights of Columbus closed here to-night, to meet in Auburn next year. Robert J. Powers, of Binghamton, was elected State Deputy over William P. Jarkin, of Brooklyn, by 186 votes to 152. Other officers elected were M. J. Quigg, New York, state secretary (re-elected); Thomas F. Bigwood, Brooklyn, treasurer; Robert J. Walker, Auburn, warden, and George J. Moore, Malone, advocate. Delegates to the national convention, James F. Conway and John J. Kellar, New York; Joseph F. Quinn, William Mahon, Joseph Warner and John J. Grourty, Brooklyn; G. F. Kelly, Yonkers, and D. D. Kieff, Watertown.

GETS NEW LINCOLN PAPERS

Lamon Manuscripts Give Intimate View of War President.

BIOGRAPHER A LAW PARTNER

Collection Said To Be Exceeded in Value Only by That in Washington Archives.

A new and intimate view of Abraham Lincoln was opened to the public yesterday through the offering for sale of the Ward Hill Lamon collection of Lincoln manuscripts. The collection is said by experts to be second in size and biographical value only to that in the government archives in Washington. Colonel Lamon was a law partner of Lincoln in the early days in Illinois and later served as marshal of the capital under the great President.

After a series of negotiations extending over several months the collection was purchased from Colonel Lamon's daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Lamon Teillard, of Washington, by George D. Smith, the book dealer, who secured the Church collection for Henry E. Huntington and added to it the famous Gutenberg Bible, for which $50,000 was paid at the first Hoe sale. Mr. Smith brought the manuscripts from Washington yesterday and displayed them in his office, No. 48 Wall street. He said that they cost him $20,000.

As a proof of the enormous value of the collection in reconstructing the public and private life of the martyred statesman Mr. Smith showed a letter to Colonel Lamon from Mrs. Lincoln asking him to intercede with the President on behalf of a man named Woods. It ran:

Mr. Lamon: I trust you will redeem your promise in reference to Woods. If you exert your influence with Mr. L. I am sure you will succeed. Some one must have been prejudicing Mr. L. against W. I believe him to be a clever man and would make an efficient commissioner. Respectfully, MRS. A. LINCOLN.

This letter and hundreds of others of like import show the intimacy which must have existed between Colonel Lamon and the President, and add remarkable value to the life of Lincoln from his pen, which is among the papers. The work which the colonel published before his death, in 1893, was the merest sketch, it is said, of the two large volumes of typewritten matter which have now come to light and which have never been put in printed form.

Herndon's Story of Lincoln.

There is also in the collection a life of Lincoln by his earlier law partner, W. H. Herndon, which was sold to Colonel Lamon in 1869, with the understanding that it was to be published by him. The manuscript is in three oblong folios, each about six inches in thickness, ready for the press. For some undisclosed reason it never saw type and remained in the care of Colonel Lamon and his daughter, removed even, it is said, from the eyes of the President's other biographers.

Mr. Smith said yesterday that he had no doubt publishers would give many thousands of dollars for the privilege of publishing the biography. He added, however, that he was going to make every effort to sell the collection as a whole before listening to offers for parts of it. Mr. Herndon, like Colonel Lamon, was the author of a shorter work on Lincoln which saw the light. It was written from notes taken from his more extensive work, and contained only about a fifth as much material.

The document of the collection in Lincoln's own handwriting to which the most importance is attached is the six pages written by him in reply to the story circulated throughout the radical press in the fall of 1864 in relation to the so-called "Antietam song singing." The story described how, when Lincoln was driving over the battlefield in company with Marshal Lamon and General McClellan, while heavy details of men were engaged in burying the dead, he suddenly slapped the marshal on the knee and asked him to sing a humorous ditty known as "Pleasure Butler," for the benefit of the general.

For several months the President refused to notice the use which the opposition papers were making of this as campaign material, but finally, in reply to a letter from A. J. Perkins, he wrote out a true statement of the affair, as coming from Colonel Lamon, and handed it to the colonel to sign. After explaining how the President had asked for a "little sad song" which he had often heard Colonel Lamon sing, it concluded:

Truth of the Song Episode.

"Neither General McClellan nor any one else made any objections to the singing; the place was not on the battlefield; the time was sixteen days after the battle; no dead body was seen during the whole time the President was absent from Washington, nor even a grave which had not been rained on since it was made."

Among the nine legal briefs in Lincoln's writing are the one in which he defended McLean County against the Illinois Central Railroad before the Supreme Court and the famous will case in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, when he defended the will against the attacks of three daughters of the testator and their husbands. His own letters, however, form to the lay mind perhaps the most interesting part of the whole collection. They number between twenty-five and thirty and cover a period from about 1848 to the time of his assassination. It was possible yesterday to obtain only the merest idea of their variety, owing to the fact that the collection has not yet been catalogued or even classified.

There follows a letter to his father, quoted in full:

Washington, December 24, 1848.

My Dear Father: Your letter of the 7th was received night before last. I very cheerfully send you the $20, which sum you say is necessary to save your land from sale. It is singular that you should have forgotten a judgment against you. And it is more singular that the plaintiff should have let you forget it so long—particularly as I suppose you have always had property enough to satisfy a judgment of that amount. Before you pay it, it would be well to be sure you have not paid it or at least that you cannot prove you had paid it. Give my love to Mother and all the connections. Affectionately yours,

A. LINCOLN.

Then there is this letter to his brother, in part:

Dear Johnson: Your request for $80 I do not think it best to comply with now; at the various times when I have helped you a little you have said to me, "We can get along very well now," but in a very short time I find you in the same difficulty again. Now, this can only happen by some defect in your conduct—what that defect is I think I know; you are not lazy, and still you are an idler. . . . You are now in need of some ready money, and what I propose is that you should go to work, tooth and nail, for somebody who will give you money for it . . . and then to secure you a fair reward for your labor I now promise you that for every dollar you will between this and the first of next May get for your labor I will then give you one other dollar. . . . You have always been kind to me and I do not mean to be unkind to you. On the contrary, if you will follow my advice you will find it worth more than eight times $80 to you. Affectionately your brother,

A. LINCOLN.

Another letter written to Jesse W. Fell at the time of his nomination gave a brief and modest account of his own life. Speaking of his first elective office back in Illinois, he said:

"Then came the Black Hawk War, and I was elected a captain of volunteers—a success which gave me more pleasure than any I have had since."

Other interesting items in the collection are thousands of letters from the men who surrounded Lincoln during the war and before, the last pass issued by Lincoln to Colonel Lamon four days before his death and several personal souvenirs. Among the possible purchasers of the collection Mr. Smith cited Henry E. Huntington, Robert J. Collier and Clarence H. Mackay.

ASTOR THEATRE LEASED

Wagenhals & Kemper Retire from Broadway Temporarily.

The managerial firm of Cohan & Harris completed arrangements yesterday whereby they have taken over the Astor Theatre from Wagenhals & Kemper, theatrical managers, for a term of ten years. The price paid for the unexpired term of the lease is said to have been in the neighborhood of $250,000. The Astor Theatre has had a remarkably successful career. Among its most noted offerings have been "Paid in Full," William Hodge, in "The Man from Home"; "Seven Days," Raymond Hitchcock and the current attraction, "The Greyhound." Each of the four first mentioned attractions ran for nearly or over a year, and "The Greyhound" is now in its fourth month. During their incumbency Wagenhals & Kemper are said to have netted a profit of $500,000.

The firm will not retire from the theatrical business, but after a needed vacation, which will probably take the form of a tour around the world, will resume work, with another New York playhouse, negotiations for which are now under way. They will, in the mean time, retain their executive offices in the Astor Theatre Building and conduct the affairs of their travelling companies as before.

Three companies to present "The Greyhound" are formed and their routes for next season booked. A character comedy by Avery Hopwood, a farce by Mary Roberts Rinehart and a satirical comedy by Porter Emerson Browne are in preparation.

The Cohan & Harris lease will start on September 1, and until that time, or until hot weather comes, "The Greyhound" will remain at the Astor. Wagenhals & Kemper's contract with the new lessees provides that the theatre shall be maintained as a playhouse of the first class, that standard Broadway prices shall prevail and that the name Astor Theatre shall be retained.

THEATRICAL NOTES.

The latest novelty to be introduced at the Winter Garden will be "The Two Hollanders," a Continental variety specialty presented by Chretienni and Louisette, both of whom are Dutch and both of whom are now appearing in this country for the first time. The two players, a man and a woman, present a unique two-part sketch, entitled "From Peasant to Artist."

The public auction sale of seats and boxes for The Lambs all-star gambol, which will be given at the Manhattan Opera House on Monday evening, May 27, will occur at the Hudson Theatre at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The sale will be opened with addresses by Joseph R. Grismer, shepherd of The Lambs, and Augustus Thomas, chairman of the gambol committee. After the opening ceremonies William H. Crane will start the sale by disposing of the first box to the highest bidder. Lamb De Wolf Hopper will then take the hammer and knock down the second box. These gentlemen will be followed in turn by Lambs Willie Collier, Jefferson De Angelis, Raymond Hitchcock, Wilton Lackaye, William Courtleigh, Frank McIntyre, Charles Richman, Macklyn Arbuckle, Eddie Foy, Clifton Crawford, Joe Weber, Lew Fields, Charles J. Ross, George Nash, Joseph W. Herbert and a number of other prominent players.

Marion Fairfax's play "The Talker," which recently finished a run of 150 nights at the Harris Theatre, will be played on tour throughout the United States next season, and also be seen in England, Australia, Italy, Germany, France, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The Italian and French translations will be in the hands of Baron di San Savelino, the German translation will be made by Mme. Markbreit, and that for Norway, Sweden and Denmark by Mrs. Hallett Bosworth.

William A. Brady has sold "Within the Law" to the American Play Company, of which Archibald Selwyn is the leading spirit. The run of the play at the Princess Theatre, Chicago, will not be interfered with, and its New York presentation later will take place as planned.

Pamela Gaythorne, recently of "The Pigeon" company at The Little Theatre, sails this morning on the Cedric. She will return in August to rehearse in another play not yet announced.

The 150th performance of "A Butterfly on the Wheel" will take place to-morrow evening. It is now planned to keep the play running at the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre all summer.

It was understood last night that Yale students are trying to persuade the management of the revival of "Patience" now at the Lyric Theatre to give a flying matinee performance at New Haven next week. It has not been decided as yet whether or not such connections could be made as to guarantee the return of players and production to New York in time for the evening performance.

Three hundred delegates to the American Booksellers' Convention, now being held in New York, attended last night's performance of "The Garden of Allah," at the Century Theatre, in a body.

The excavating for the new theatre back of the Hotel Astor to be managed by Winthrop Ames was begun yesterday, and operations will be hurried from now on. The building will be completed about November 1.

Luna, Coney Island's newest amusement resort, will be open for inspection on Sunday. None of the many new shows or rides will be running, but those who visit the island will be permitted to walk through the gates and view the work that is going on. Many steeplejacks are now working on the towers.

ART STUDENTS GET AWARDS

List of Winners for Work Done During Present Season.

The following is a list of the winners of awards for best work done in the classes of the Art Students' League during the present season:

One hundred dollar prize for best painting, Miss Ferol Sibley; general scholarship for painting, Miss Maud Lanktree; general scholarship for drawing, E. R. Weiner; Saltus prize of $50 for best antique drawing, Miss Mallonee; E. L. Blumenschein illustration class, Frederick D. Calnoun, scholarship; Edward Dufner illustration class, W. C. Nims, scholarship; Thomas Fogarty illustration class, Norman Rockwell, scholarship; E. L. Blumenschein portrait class, Miss K. G. Munn and Mrs. Leonora Morton, scholarships; E. L. Blumenschein still life class, Mrs. Vincent, scholarship; Frank Vincent Du Mond portrait class, Marie Goth, scholarship; William M. Chase portrait class, Ivan Schuler, scholarship; William M. Chase still life class, Miss M. J. Ferguson, scholarship; Miss Alice Beckington miniature class, Miss Margaret May, scholarship; Frank Vincent Du Mond women's life class, Miss Marie Goth and Miss Norma Whitelaw, scholarships; Frank Vincent Du Mond men's life class, E. A. Etherington and C. H. Donshea, scholarships; Kenneth Hayes Miller women's life class, Miss Janet Worsham; Kenneth Hayes Miller men's life class, Robert C. Doran, scholarship; E. M. Ashe women's life class, Miss Floyd Miller and Miss R. H. Duff, scholarships; George B. Bridgman men's life classes, E. F. Ward, A. Walcott and Walter Cohen, scholarships; Edward Dufner antique drawing, W. R. Morceou, scholarship; George B. Bridgman antique class, Miss Mary H. Blum, scholarship; Hans Peter Hansen antique class, Miss M. J. Ferguson, scholarship; Eugene Speicher sketch class, Miss Mary H. Blum, scholarship; Hilda Belcher water color class, Miss Margaret Breen, scholarship; Kenneth Hayes Miller mural class, Kenneth Hartwell, scholarship, and Kenneth Hayes Miller composition class, Miss Amelia Ludwig, scholarship.

The jury consisted of the instructors of the league and Emil Carlson, Ivan Olinsky, F. Luis Mora, Arthur I. Keller, Albert L. Groll, Kart Anderson and Robert MacCameron. The work will remain on exhibition until 10 o'clock Saturday night.

TO GIVE SCENES FROM CHINA.

Nearly one hundred Chinese students in New York will appear in historical scenes at the Waldorf-Astoria to-night for the benefit of the Chinese famine relief fund. They will present six scenes, including the fall of the Manchu dynasty and the birth of the Chinese republic. President Yuan Shi Kai will be impersonated and the refusal of Dr. Sun Yat Sen to accept the Presidency will be reproduced. Other scenes will represent the interior of a Chinese warship and Chinese palace life.

BARRETT SOUNDS ALARM

Intervention in Mexico Decried at Produce Exchange Dinner.

WOULD STOP TALK OF IT

Director of Pan-American Says Effect Would Be Ruinous for This Country.

John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, told the members of the Produce Exchange at their annual dinner in the Hotel Astor last night that it was their duty to demand and insist that talk of intervention in Mexico by this country must cease unless the United States was to be involved in endless trouble with the South American republics.

"We have got to stop this loose talk all over our country about possible intervention in Mexico or in other countries of Latin America when they have their civil troubles," he said. "I want to say to you as representative New Yorkers that a mighty peril faces the American people and nation to-day because of the loose talk of certain public speakers and writers and editors and newspapers about the necessity of intervention in Mexico or in other Latin American countries.

"I am in daily touch by cable and letter with every nation to the south of the United States. Every day I talk with the ambassadors and ministers of those countries, but I want to say to you just as sure as the sun will rise to-morrow morning that if we intervene in Mexico with any other cause than Mexico's declaring war on us we will begin unending war with all Latin America and forever lose our prestige and influence among the countries to the south of us. The sovereignty of Mexico and every other Latin American nation is just as dear to them as the sovereignty of the United States is to us. Let Mexico fight out her civil war within her own borders. Better that every American should come home than that we should wage war in a country where we would spend billions of dollars and lose hundreds of thousands of lives in a great war with a friendly nation.

Would Anger Other Republics.

"And what would result? Mighty Brazil, progressive Argentina, Chili and every country to the south of us would say: 'If we let American capital and Americans into our country we may have the intervention of the United States. Therefore, let no American commerce come here. Let no American capital come here.'"

The dinner was to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the granting of its charter to the Produce Exchange. It was to have been held on April 19, but was postponed on account of the Titanic disaster. Besides the speech of John Barrett, speeches were made by Chief Justice Isaac Franklin Russell, of the Court of Special Sessions; Chaplain Chidwick, United States navy, who was the Franklin of the battleship Maine when she was blown up in Havana Harbor, and the Rev. Dr. S. E. Young, of Brooklyn.

Edward Carhart, the retiring president of the Produce Exchange, was toastmaster, and at the speakers' table were the Rev. Dr. S. Edward Young, Congressman Franklin E. Wilson, Henry Schaefer, president of the Coffee Exchange; Calvin Tomkins, Commissioner of the Department of Docks and Ferries; Cyrus C. Miller, President of the Borough of The Bronx; Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio; George W. Neville, president of the Cotton Exchange; Congressman Charles V. Fornes, John Aspegren, vice-president of the Produce Exchange; Chief Justice Isaac F. Russell, of the Court of Special Sessions; John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union; Chaplain John P. Chidwick, U. S. N.; Edward C. Rice, treasurer of the Produce Exchange; Borough President Steers of Brooklyn, T. N. Jarvis, vice-president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; Congressman Daniel J. Riordan, Willard U. Taylor, president of the Maritime Association; Congressman Henry M. Goldfogle, R. M. Jarvis, president of the Consolidated Stock Exchange; Assemblyman Franklin Brooks, Major Eckford de Kay, the Governor's military secretary; Naval Officer F. J. H. Kracke and Henry R. Towne, president of the Merchants' Association.

Many Distinguished Guests.

Among the guests were C. Walter Andrews, Charles Berghold, Frank S. Brainard, James G. Cannon, George C. Brinkerhoff, Edward Cole, Thomas T. Coulter, D. P. Cruikshanks, Fred B. Dalzell, Joseph W. Danforth, E. A. de Lima, C. Doscher, Carl Drier, E. W. Elkins, John H. Flahive, A. G. Fontana, P. A. S. Franklin, general manager of the White Star Line; Walter E. Frew, Colonel C. W. Fuller, George A. Fuller, Hugh Galbraith, Paul F. Gerhard, Richard Gough, R. W. Gwathmey, Henry B. Hebert, George E. Hooven, Brayton Ives, Joseph Jefferson, William Jergens, William H. Kemp, Henry P. Kidd, Robert McCreery, C. W. McCutcheon, Charles Moervathy, Ernest Mapes, Charles E. Milmine, D. M. Munger, R. F. Munro, C. A. Post, Fred K. Pulsifer, Welding Ring, Alfred Romer, S. Sakai, Henry Schwarzschild, Thomas G. Sinnott, Grant Sipp, G. N. Streeter, S. Teshima, Augustus Tietjen, D. M. Van Vliet, L. A. Viviano, A. C. F. Van Goutard, William Vroom, ex-Judge W. H. Wadhams, E. J. White, F. J. Woulfe, Ernest F. M. Wye, George A. Zabriskie, Frank Zerega and A. J. Zock.

THREE M. E. BISHOPS OUT

Chancellor Day Hissed in Conference for Criticising Committee.

Minneapolis, May 15.—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church voted this afternoon to retire Bishop Henry W. Warren, Bishop David H. Moore and Bishop T. B. Neeley.

This action followed the introduction of the report of the episcopacy committee, which pronounced fifteen members of the Bishops' College effective, recommended that Bishops Warren and Moore be retired, and gave no recommendation concerning Bishop Neeley, but urged that the delegates vote on the retirement of all three men.

James R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse University, was hissed when he intimated that the episcopacy committee had within it so many candidates for bishop that there might be a suspicion that the three were being retired in order that new men might take their places.

TEACHER OF DEAF FOR 40 YEARS.

Enoch Henry Currier, principal of the New York Institution for the Deaf, on Washington Heights, received many floral emblems and wreaths yesterday from the inmates and various societies connected with the school in commemoration of his fortieth anniversary as head of the institution. There were addresses by members of a delegation from the societies and music by the institution's band.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Annual Ascension Day festival, in Old Trinity, 11 a. m.; Holy Communion, 7:30 p. m.

American Booksellers' Association convention, all day, and dinner, 8 p. m., Hot