CABLE NEWS FROM LONDON.

BALFOUR'S IRISH BILL IS RAISING A STORM IN ENGLAND.

Neither Tories nor Liberal Unionists Like It—Spurgeon's Friends Hope to See Him Soon in His Pulpit, but His Doctors are Very Doubtful—A Student's Fate.

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LONDON, Aug. 14.—If Mr. Balfour had not obtained the assent of the leading members of the Cabinet to his Irish Local Government bill before announcing it, a rupture in the Government and a split in the party would have been inevitable. The draft of the bill has never been before a regularly constituted Cabinet council. A committee of the Cabinet, consisting of Mr. Balfour, Mr. Goschen, Lord Ashbourne, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, has for eighteen months been working on the bill. In its final shape, in which it was referred to and was approved by Lord Salisbury, it remains unknown, further than what has been said in recent public utterances, to the rest of the Ministers. Apart from objections to the principles of the measure, this ignoring of Conservative chiefs closely in touch with the rank and file of the party has added to the general discontent. No Unionist section whatever thoroughly endorses Mr. Balfour's outlined measure.

The *Spectator*, the leading Unionist organ, in its issue to-morrow will put the position of the Liberal-Unionists straight in denouncing the bill as a home rule measure in disguise. The *National Observer*, now attaining the front rank as a weekly exponent of Tory opinion, attacks the Ministry as becoming a mere Liberal-Unionist agency, and adds that Mr. Balfour's constructive legislation will conduce as little to the party credit as to the national advantage. Among the Ministerial groups only one, the Goschen-Chamberlain set, can be said to cordially support Mr. Balfour. Strong through force of character and intellectual superiority as this group are, they are likely to be forced eventually to bow before Tory prejudices and either present the bill emasculated to suit Conservative ideas or withdraw it at the risk of disaffection in the Cabinet on the eve of the dissolution of Parliament.

Advices from Rome give a detailed account of the sad adventures of a party of students from the American College there while bathing at Porto Danzio, at the old pier outside of the Palace of Nero. The water was very rough. Lucian Johnstone of Baltimore, Victor Proskauer of New York City, Louis Keely of New York, Joseph Gallagher and John Duffy of Philadelphia, John Bowen of Chicago, and Henry Duesing of St. Louis were bathing together. Suddenly they were all swept off by the current, but all managed to gain the shore except Duesing. Johnstone swam out again, caught Duesing and held him up for five minutes. He found Duesing to have lost his wits in his fright and heard him murmuring a prayer. Johnstone was forced to let go, and a sailor who had come to his assistance then held up Duesing, relieving Johnstone. As quickly as students reached the shore they went in to the rescue, but just as they were nearing the spot the sailor and Duesing sank. The latter was drowned, but the sailor was rescued. Two days afterward the body of Duesing was buried, the funeral being attended by all the students in the college.

Mr. Spurgeon is able to sit up for a brief period daily. His friends now seriously hope that he will be able to reoccupy his pulpit. His weakness is still very great and his progress is necessarily slow. He himself says that the Lord's people would not let him die; that their prayers kept him alive. His physicians say that his disease retains a hold that threatens to withstand every remedy. The best prognostication at present is that it will be many months before he will be able to preach.

EMPEROR WILLIAM'S CONDITION.

His Health Very Good in Spite of His Disabling Accident.

BERLIN, Aug. 14.—Aside from the inconvenience of moving about with his leg held stiff by bandages, Emperor William is enjoying excellent health. Dr. von Boetticher, Secretary of the Imperial Home Office and representative of the Chancellor, visited Kiel and held quite a long conference with his Majesty upon questions pertaining to the State.

The fact that the Emperor is able to devote a great part of his time to the business of the empire is regarded as pretty good evidence that the alarming reports circulated in regard to his physical and mental condition are unfounded, and is taken to confirm the statements that these rumors are the work of speculators who are interested in bringing about a depression in prices on the Bourse.

Upon the conclusion of his Majesty's conference with Dr. von Boetticher he started on a trip to sea on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern. He will be gone for a day.

O'Brien Pays the Costs.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Mr. William O'Brien having paid the costs of court in the action for libel brought by him against Lord Salisbury, in which action Mr. O'Brien was non-suited, the action of the Bankruptcy Court in declaring him insolvent because of his refusal to pay the costs has been annulled.

Make Way for Grain Trains.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 14.—A ukase has been issued directing the railroad officials throughout the country to give precedence over all other trains, passenger or freight, to trains conveying grain supplies to the distressed provinces.

The King of Greece in Paris.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—The King of Greece, who is visiting Paris, took lunch to-day with President and Mme. Carnot at Fontainebleau. A cordial conversation was carried on between his Majesty and his hosts.

The Fassett-Flood Contest in Chemung.

ELMIRA, Aug. 14.—The Republican primaries in Chemung county were completed last night by the caucuses in the Seventh ward of this city and in the town of Elmira. The Fassett Republicans claim the Seventh ward, but it is contested by the Flood Republicans. The Flood Republicans carried the caucus in the town of Elmira, which is contested. The results as a whole are as follows:

Fassett Republicans, uncontested, 50; Flood Republicans, uncontested, 27; contested, 109. Of the contested seats the Fassett Republicans contest 45 and the Flood Republicans 64. The County Convention will be held to-morrow, with two delegations to the State and senatorial Convention apparently assured.

Social Life at Bar Harbor.

BAR HARBOR, Aug. 14.—A ball was given by Mrs. George Pendleton Bowler, at Kobo Valley to-night, for which more than 1,200 invitations were sent out. Among the guests were the Blaines, Secretary Tracy, Mrs. Wilmerding, Admiral Gherardi, George W. Vanderbilt, Dr. and Mrs. Sloane, Capt. Rogers of the Philadelphia, Jonas and Mrs. Hale, Mrs. P. H. Sheridan, Judge and Mrs. Emery, and Mr. and Mrs. John Biddle Porter.

A dinner was given on the Dispatch last night by Secretary Tracy and Mrs. Wilmerding. Covers were laid for twelve. It was a very swell affair.

A reception to invited guests was given on board the Philadelphia from 3 to 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Congressman Fitch is Sick.

FIRE ISLAND, Aug. 14.—Congressman Ashbel P. Fitch was taken with a fever here three weeks ago and has been confined to his bed since that time. Though nothing serious at the first, it developed into intermittent fever, and a week ago changed to rheumatic fever, from which he is now suffering. He is not in a dangerous condition. Congressman Fitch, with his family, is occupying one of the cottages connected with the Surf Hotel.

Ingalls Will Stay at Home.

ATCHISON, Kan., Aug. 14.—Ex-Senator John J. Ingalls said to-day that he had no intention of going to Europe this fall. Mrs. Ingalls disliked the idea of putting 3,000 miles of water between her self and her children. Mr. Ingalls, it is understood, is writing a book of contemporaneous political history.

Editor Martin Sued for Divorce.

EATONTOWN, N. J., Aug. 14.—Eugene M. Martin, editor of the Eatontown *Advertiser*, has been sued by his wife, Mrs. Ida Martin, for divorce. She charges both infidelity and desertion. Mr. Martin is in New York, and his proposed action in the case is not yet known.

Miss Dickinson Lectures.

GOSHEN, N. Y., Aug. 14.—Miss Anna Dickinson lectured last night on "Joan of Arc" before the F. M. Cummings Post of the Sons of Veterans. The house was crowded, and Miss Dickinson had an enthusiastic reception.

Free Stopover at Niagara Falls.

All New York Central Railroad tickets now permit a stopover at Niagara Falls without extra charge. Eleven trains every day. For particulars ask any New York Central ticket agent. See time table, this paper.—Adv.

CANADIAN EXPORTERS EXCITED.

They Demand as Good a Chance as We Have to Trade With the West Indies.

HALIFAX, Aug. 14. Canadian exporters to the Spanish West Indies are greatly worked up over the new reciprocity treaty between Spain and the United States, which will certainly destroy existing trade between Canada and those islands.

This trade already amounts to half the value of the exports from this province to the United States. The whole question was put into a nutshell in the following resolution adopted by the Board of Trade to-day:

Whereas, A treaty has just been made between the United States and Spain whereby fish, potatoes, lumber, and other natural products of the United States are to be admitted free into the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico, said treaty to come into effect Sept. 1 next; and

Whereas, A treaty now exists between Spain and Great Britain, expiring July 1 next year, containing a favored nation clause, which gives the right for all products of a similar nature to be admitted free from Great Britain and her colonies; and

Whereas, Our exports of fish to the Spanish West Indies amount to about 250,000 quintals per annum, besides pickled fish; and

Whereas, The island of Cuba has of late become our principal market for potatoes, which is an article of export of great value to the farmers of this province; and

Whereas, The latest advices from Havana indicate that the Government of the island of Cuba puts a construction upon the treaty with Great Britain which prohibits the import of said articles from Canada on the same terms as from the United States under the treaty just concluded; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Trade representing the various industries of the province do most earnestly invite the immediate attention of the Dominion Government to this important matter, praying that they will make prompt representations to the Imperial Government and invite their good offices in placing our trade with these islands on a satisfactory basis, whereby our products may be admitted on as favorable terms as similar products from the United States.

CUT DOWN THE PAINTERS.

Nicolas Damenschefsky's Scheme for Revenge was Bad.

Nicolas Damenschefsky, a Polish cabinet-maker, who owns a little house on Watkins avenue, between Sutter and Blake avenues, in the Twenty-sixth ward, Brooklyn, objected to the way his lot was cut away for the foundation of a new building adjoining. Yesterday John Niebuhr and Harris Münster began the work of painting the house. Damenschefsky objected strenuously to the ladders being suspended over his property, and, as the story is told by the painters, he deliberately cut the ropes which suspended them in the air. Joseph Klensky, a harness maker, helped to cut the ropes. Both painters were thrown violently to the ground. Niebuhr escaped injury, but Münster struck on his head and was carried unconscious to St. Mary's Hospital, where it was found that he had a very severe scalp wound.

Damenschefsky and his companion were locked up in the Seventeenth precinct station on a charge of assault. They claim that the men fell off the ladder from their own carelessness, and that the arrested men only cut the ropes after the painters had fallen to the ground.

Adjutant-General of the G. A. R.

ALBANY, Aug. 14.—Commander-in-Chief Palmer has announced the appointment of Col. Frederick Phisterer, the present efficient Assistant Adjutant-General of the State, as Adjutant-General of the G. A. R. He is eminently qualified for the position, both by education and experience. He entered the regular army Dec. 6, 1855, and was honorably discharged on Dec. 8, 1860. When the civil war broke out he again entered the service as Sergeant-Major of the Eighteenth United States Infantry, and rose by merit through the grades of Second and First Lieutenant to a Captaincy, and was honorably discharged at his own request on July 1, 1870. He participated in many of the most important engagements of the war, and was Adjutant of the Second Regiment, a battalion commanded by the late Adjutant-General of the State, Gen. Fred Townsend. He is the author of "New York in the Rebellion," one of the most complete statistical records ever published; also the statistical records of the rebellion, published by Scribner, and many other interesting military books. He has for years been the military instructor of the Albany Boys' Academy and Post-Adjutant of the State camp of instruction since its organization. He is regarded as an authority on all military matters and is every inch a soldier.

Her Ninety-sixth Birthday.

NEW HAVEN, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Grace Munson Wheeler is 99 years old to-day. At 11 A. M. ex-Mayor Lewis, J. D. Dewell, Col. N. G. Osborn, and nine other gentlemen, representing Hiram Lodge, F. and A. M., and D. S. Thomas of Trumbull Lodge called and presented Mrs. Wheeler with an elegant easy chair in behalf of Hiram Lodge. D. S. Thomas presented her with a bouquet of 99 roses, and promised to bring the 100th rose next year. Mrs. Wheeler is held in high regard by local Masons. Her father, Major William Munson, is called the father of New Haven Masonry. He was Grand Master of old Hiram in two centuries, filling that office in the latter part of the last and the first part of the present century. He bore a Major's commission in the Revolutionary war, and was in command at Dobbs Ferry where André was hanged. Afterward he was appointed Collector of Customs, receiving his commission from George Washington. He held that office for thirty-three years, or until his death, which occurred in 1826. Mrs. Wheeler is enjoying remarkably good health for one of her great age.

Robbed by Its Secretary.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 14.—The affairs of the Camp Washington Building Association in this city are in a bad condition. Ex-Secretary Jacob Franzred has misappropriated about $15,000 of the funds. His method, it is alleged, was to draw the money out of the bank on checks, which he could easily do, as his signature to an order for money was sufficient under the rules of the association. The State law now requires the signatures of the President and Treasurer as well as that of the Secretary. Franzred is still in the city. He will be arrested to-morrow. He says if he is arrested he will give away several other people who are in the same box with him. He was Secretary of several other building associations, among the number the Allemania, which charges that he is a defaulter to it in the sum of $6,000.

A Message in the Bottle.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Aug. 14.—A bottle has been picked up on the beach near here, containing a piece of brown paper, on which the following was written: "We, the undersigned, are passengers on the Thomas Hume. The schooner's hold is rapidly filling with water, and we have no hope of escape. We are on the St. Joseph course, and have been drifting for hours. We have friends in McCook, Neb., and Elkhart, Ind. Please notify them of our fate. FRANK MAYNARD,
WILBUR GROVER."

The schooner Hume was lost on Lake Michigan about May 10 last, with seven men on board. Not the slightest trace of the vessel has been found. It was owned by Hockley & Hume of Muskegon.

Got His Money Back.

DAYTON, Ohio, Aug. 14.—A young man, answering the description of the Columbus Grove robber, lost $196 at faro in Sam Wagner's gambling house on May street here yesterday. At 10 o'clock this morning the man walked into the gambling room up stairs where the game was going on, and, with a cocked revolver in each hand, compelled the dealer, old Sam Wagner, to refund the money. With revolvers still covering Wagner and his outlook and helper, the young fellow backed out of the room and walked through the crowded barroom into the street, and was gone before the news of the deed had got down stairs. Pursuit was not attempted.

A Woman's Mysterious Death.

AUBURN, Aug. 14.—A Coroner's jury has been perplexed to-day to ascertain the cause of the mysterious death of Mrs. Clara Pierce, daughter of respectable parents in Troy. Last night, after drinking with a male companion, she retired to a room in a small hotel, and was soon taken ill. A physician was called and remained until 3 o'clock this morning, when she died. The post mortem showed that death was produced by unnatural causes, but the precise cause of death could not be determined. The jury adjourned to await developments. The most probable theory seems to be suicide by morphine.

Little Girls in Skirt Dances at Asbury.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 14.—An entertaining children's carnival was held to-night at the Asbury Park Beach Auditorium. Dancing Master Dare had charge of the entertainment. Two hundred and fifty children danced pretty figures in the presence of 1,500 spectators. The little girls danced fandangos, skirt dances, and reels better than many professionals. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the Beach band fund.

Whites in Danger in Samoa.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14.—A private letter received from Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson gives a gloomy outlook for Europeans in Samoa. Writing from Valluna, near Apia, under date of July 10, she says: "We live in constant tumult of threatened war and massacre of the whites. There are no men-of-war here but one German ship, and that don't count, as it only makes more trouble. I wish our country would send us a ship."

JOSEPH BATTIN'S MONEY.

DOES HE NEED A GUARDIAN TO TAKE CARE OF IT?

Wanted to Live With Saints Rather Than With Worldly Children—Gave Brother Simpson's Church $100,000—Some of His Children Make Denials of Rumors.

Since February, 1890, when it was announced that Joseph Battin, one of the wealthiest men in Elizabeth, had been converted to the doctrine of the faith curists there has been considerable mystery about his change of faith. Mr. Battin is over 80, and he has six children who have passed the middle age. These children have all along denied that their father had anything to do with the faith curist movement, although during the past year he has donated more than $100,000 to the Christian Alliance, the faith curists' organization.

Now there is more mystery about Mr. Battin. It was said yesterday that his six children had begun an action to get back the money he had given to the faith curists. They were reported to have claimed that their father was unduly influenced by the Christian Alliance people, and that he was practically throwing away his money.

Mr. Battin is worth a million dollars. Twenty-nine years ago he went to Elizabeth from Philadelphia. He was a poor man then, but he made a fortune before long by establishing the Elizabeth Water Company. He did many philanthropic things in Elizabeth. After his wife's death he became pious and eccentric. In February, 1890, the people of Elizabeth were surprised to hear that he had left the home of his widowed daughter, Mrs. Barrows, at 151 West Grand street, with whom he had lived since his wife's death, and had taken a house for himself at 473 Morris street. He got a minister, the Rev. W. H. Shermor, pastor of the First Baptist Church, to live with him. Mr. Battin told his friends that he made the change of residence because his children were too worldly, and he wanted to live with saints.

It was said that Mr. Battin was interested in faith cure doctrines at that time, but he, as well as his children, emphatically denied that. Last May Mr. Battin left Elizabeth and came to this city to live in the Berachah Home, in Forty-fourth street, near Eighth avenue, an institution conducted by the faith curists. A month later the millionaire gave $70,000 to the Rev. A. B. Simpson, President of the Christian Alliance, as well as property in Elizabeth worth $25,000. Last month, with the remaining $5 of the dollar, he transferred a brown-stone house in Fiftieth street, near Seventh avenue, to the Christian Alliance. It is said that he refused to listen to the advice of his children in this matter.

Lambert Battin, one of Mr. Battin's sons, is engineer of the Elizabeth Water Company, which his father founded. The other five children are Sylvester and James Battin of Newark, Henry Battin of Scranton, Mrs. Barrows of Elizabeth, and Mrs. James W. French of 472 Waverly avenue, Brooklyn. Mr. Lambert Battin said emphatically to a SUN reporter who asked about a talk of trying to recover the money given away:

"There's isn't the least foundation for the statement. We have not done a thing to prevent our father from disposing of his money as he sees fit. He earned his money himself, and we consider he has a right to say as to what he shall do with it. None of us has ever thought of taking legal or other steps in the matter. We have been perfectly indifferent as to our father's doings for some time. In fact, we have all determined not to bother a bit about the matter."

Frank Bergen, the younger Battins' lawyer in Elizabeth, also denied the story.

Shortly after Mr. Battin and Mr. Bergen had been seen, THE SUN reporter met one of Elizabeth's most prominent citizens, who said that a week or so ago a check was sent to a person to whom the elder Mr. Battin owed a small bill. Instead of bearing the name Joseph Battin, as all the old man's checks have all along been signed, the signature was "Sylvester Battin and Lambert Battin, guardians of Joseph Battin." That check passed through the hands of several persons in Elizabeth, all of whom have commented on it.

The story back of the new signature is that a month or so ago Mr. Battin's children consulted one of the ablest lawyers in New Jersey. He told them that as their father was in good health and of sound mind they would have a pretty hard time convincing a jury that he did not know what he was about when he turned over his money and property to the faith curists, and that he should be restrained from disposing of any more of his money. The lawyer is said to have advised them, though, to begin proceedings in New York. As they are averse to the publicity of their troubles with their father, it is claimed that they did not care to go into court. However, it is stated by people in Elizabeth who ought to know that the elder Mr. Battin was persuaded to allow his sons Sylvester and Lambert to become his guardians.

Mr. Lambert Battin had left Elizabeth when the story of the check last week got to the reporters. His sister, Mrs. Barrows, was seen, but she refused to say anything about her father's affairs.

The elder Mr. Battin left the Barachah Home in this city early last month to attend a convention of the Christian Alliance at Round Lake. He returned two weeks ago, and remained for one day. Then he went to Elizabeth. He visited his daughter and his son there. He is now in Saratoga. It is said that his son Sylvester is there also.

THE PRESIDENT TO GO TO VERMONT.

The Car, the Route, and the Time Table by Which He Will Travel to Bennington.

CAPE MAY, Aug. 14.—President Harrison and his party, who are to attend the centennial celebration to be held at Bennington, Vt., on the 19th inst., will leave Cape May in the private car of General Manager Layng of the West Shore Railroad on the morning of Tuesday, the 18th inst., arriving the same evening at North Bennington, where they will dine and stop with Gen. J. G. McCullough. The itinerary of the trip is as follows:

Leave Cape May over Pennsylvania Railroad, 9 A. M.; arrive at Jersey City, 12:30 P. M.; leave Jersey City on West Shore Railroad, 1 P. M.; arrive at Weehawken, 1:15 P. M.; leave Weehawken, 1:30 P. M.; arrive at Newburgh, 3 P. M.; leave Newburgh, 3:10 P. M.; arrive at Kingston, 4 P. M.; leave Kingston, 4:10 P. M.; arrive at Albany, 5:30 P. M.; leave Albany on Delaware and Hudson Railroad, 6:30 P. M.; arrive at Troy, 6:50 P. M.; leave Troy on Fitchburg Railroad, 7 P. M.; arrive at North Bennington via F., B. and R. Railroad, 8:15 P. M.

The Remains of an Ichthyosaurus.

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 14.—The head of a monstrous prehistoric reptile, or fish, was found to-day by some workmen while excavating in the cellar of Harris's drug store in Allegheny on Federal street, near the Fort Wayne Railroad depot.

It was placed in the window of the drug store, where this afternoon and evening it attracted the astonished gaze of thousands. It is a fearfully ugly thing. It is about two feet long and twelve inches across the top. The mouth is something like an alligator's, and is filled with immense fangs.

The eyes are far down on the side of the head and are oval in form. The entire head is petrified. Dr. Frank Hayna, an authority on matters of this kind, says this is probably the finest specimen of ichthyosaurian remains in the world.

Gen. Doubleday in Out of Danger.

MENDHAM, N. J., Aug. 14.—Gen. Abner Doubleday, who has been seriously ill at his summer residence in this village, is better to-day, and is able to sit up. His physician, Dr. John, says he will pull through all right. The General has suffered from a number of abscesses, and has had to undergo several very painful surgical operations, which so weakened him that his condition caused his friends much concern.

Appointments by the President.

CAPE MAY POINT, Aug. 14.—The President to-day announced the following appointments: Henry C. Niles to be Judge of the Northern and Southern District of Mississippi, vice Hill, removed; Charles W. Erdman of Louisville, Ky., to be Consul at Colon; Alice Shannon, Postmistress at Red Ledge, Mont., and Fred P. Weinmann, Postmaster at Benicia, Cal.

Mrs. Harrison With a Crab Net.

CAPE MAY, Aug. 14.—President Harrison, Mrs. Harrison, and the guests at their cottage attended a concert this evening at Carlton Hall.

Mrs. Harrison, accompanied by Major Parker, went out crabbing this afternoon and met with considerable success.

Miss Rachel Sherman Engaged.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 14.—The engagement is announced of Dr. Paul Thorndyke, formerly of this city but now of Boston, to Miss Rachel Sherman, daughter of the late Gen. W. T. Sherman. The young people met while in Europe.

Young Houk Will be Nominated.

KNOXVILLE, Aug. 14.—The Republican Congressional Committee met to-day and canvassed the returns of Saturday's election. The official figures are: Houk, 15,285; Woodruff, 6,057.

To 6th Av. Shoppers.

Riker's soda water is "just too lovely," you know. Riker's, 6th av. and 23d st.—Adv.

OBJECT: MATRIMONY.

The Gossips of Webster will Never Forgive Angeline Putney for Her Sly Wedding.

PUTNAM, Conn., Aug. 14.—A good-looking gentleman of Little Rock, Ark., W. D. Allen, became tired of bachelorhood in that State some time ago, so he advertised in the newspapers for a fair correspondent—"object, matrimony"—and pretty little Miss Angeline Putney of Webster village, just across the Connecticut border in Massachusetts, answered his fair cry. They corresponded for some time, their epistles became sweeter all the time, they exchanged photographs, and the gossips of Webster hadn't the ghost of an inkling of what was going on between the couple.

A day or two ago a stranger, plainly dressed, dusty, and with a good deal of baggage, came quietly to the Joslin House in Webster, and he seemed to be a little nervous and uncertain about his plans. The clerk of the hotel asked him if he would have dinner, and the stranger said he didn't know. He wrote "W. D. Allen, Little Rock, Ark.," on the register, however, and inquired what was the best furnishing house in Webster. Then he sallied into the street, and an hour later, when he returned, he was the most radiantly clad gentleman that had been seen in the town for a year. He had on a shining silk hat, a beautiful broadcloth suit, patent leather shoes, glorious kid gloves, and a flaming buttonhole bouquet.

"Would the clerk said he would. Then he strode out into the street again, disappeared for several hours, and when the gossips saw him again he was radiant with joy. He was at the railroad station, ready to take a train, and on his arm was Miss Angeline Putney, also radiant, and the gossips admitted an hour later, after everything had been explained, that they never were "so put out about a thing before in all their born days."

Allen had come all the way from Little Rock to find out if Miss Angy, whom he had never seen, and who had never seen him, would wed him. Both ran over to the minister's, and that gentleman performed the nuptial ceremony. Then Mrs. Angeline Putney-Allen packed her trousseau, bade her folks goodby, and the happy couple had slipped out of Webster without any wedding chimes, or shower of old shoes and rice, "just as slick as you please," said the inquisitive people of Webster. But Mr. and Mrs. Allen will never be forgiven for the performance by the gossips of the village. Mr. Allen has a lot of money, it is said, and the couple will journey all about the East before they go to Little Rock to reside.

MRS. JAMES K. POLK DEAD.

The Wife of the Tenth President Dies at Her Home in Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Aug. 14.—Mrs. James K. Polk, wife of the tenth President of the United States, died at 7:30 o'clock this morning. She was in good health until last Wednesday evening, when on returning from a short drive, was taken suddenly ill. She was 87 years old. The bells in the city were tolled throughout the afternoon.

Mrs. Polk was born Sept. 4, 1803, at Murfreesboro. She was married to Mr. Polk when still in her teens, and had lived continuously in Nashville except when in Washington, during the Congressional career of her distinguished husband, and while mistress of the White House. For the past fifty years she had lived in seclusion.

President Polk left a very large estate at the time of his death, which was kept together until the civil war, when nearly everything was destroyed or lost. Mrs. Polk's income kept dwindling until a half dozen years ago, when she found herself nearly penniless. A bill was then introduced in Congress to grant to the widow of President Lincoln a pension of $5,000 a year. It lacked one vote in the Senate to secure its passage. That was the vote of Senator Howell E. Jackson of Tennessee. He offered to vote for the bill provided it was so amended as to give annual pensions of $5,000 to Mrs. Polk and to the widow of President Tyler, as well as to Mrs. Lincoln, and the bill became a law. Since that time Mrs. Polk had lived on this pension.

President Polk left one of the queerest wills that was ever left by an intelligent man. Everything was given to his wife, and at her death was to be transferred to "the one of the serving member of the family bearing the name of Polk," the decision to be made by the State Legislature. The nearest relative until recently was State Treasurer Polk of Tennessee, to whom it was supposed the estate would go. It will be remembered that a few years ago he became a candidate for the Governorship and fled the country, finally dying in Mexico. His dishonesty cut him and his family off, and just how the matter will be settled is now a mystery. There are no other deserving members of the family bearing the name of Polk, and now that Mrs. Polk is dead the courts will have to decide the matter.

ADMIRAL HARMONY MAY RESIGN;

That Is, If He Is Ordered to Remain On the South Atlantic Station.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Naval officers say that if the Lancaster, now at the Madeira Islands on her way to China, should be stopped at Rio Janeiro and ordered to remain on the South Atlantic station, as it is reported she will be, and Rear Admiral Harmony, who is now going in the Lancaster to command the Asiatic station, is ordered to remain on the South Atlantic station, he will resign from the navy. Like all the officers on board the Lancaster, he made all his arrangements, expenditures for supplies, &c., before leaving New York for a six months' cruise to China, and the disappointment of being switched off in two months to the undesirable South American station would be more than he could bear quietly.

At the Navy Department it is not admitted yet that the change in orders will be made. Naval officers infer that it will be, from the fact that the Charleston, Marion, and Alert have been ordered to China, and from the fact that Rear Admiral McCann, now commanding the South Atlantic station, will be detached tomorrow and will go on duty on Monday in the Navy Department as Chairman of the Examining and Retiring Board, his flagship, the Pensacola, going out of commission. Admiral Harmony is a Pennsylvanian, but his home is now in Elizabeth, N. J.

Work on the World's Fair Buildings.

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—This morning a large force of men resumed work upon the mines and mining buildings of the World's Fair. Work was suspended on the woman's building but a few hours and is being actively pushed ahead. The temporary delay in the work on some of the buildings caused by the necessity of verifying calculations is now about over and the work of construction is being pushed all round.

Mrs. Palmer has received a letter from Mr. Ryan, United States Minister to Mexico, in which he say he will endeavor to have President Diaz appoint a committee of ladies, headed by Mrs. Diaz, to interest the ladies of Mexico. Mr. Ryan has no doubt of success, and thinks the committee will prove a most valuable aid to the African Woman's Board.

The commissioners for Guatemala intend to ask for two acres of space for the exhibits of their country.

The Board of Control of the World's Columbian Exposition to-day considered the matter of awards and decided to petition Congress for an amount sufficient to make the medals and pay the salaries of a Board of Judges.

The Body of Bernard Quinn in Bowery Bay.

Mrs. Bernard Quinn of 163 West Sixty-sixth street, this city, visited Ruoff's Morgue, at Ridgewood, last night, and identified the body found yesterday morning in Bowery Bay as that of her husband, who had been missing since Saturday last.

The body was badly decomposed. In the pockets of the clothes were found sixty cents, a latch key, two phials containing a colorless liquid, a black silk eye patch, and a small pocketbook. In the book was this letter, written in ink:

NEW YORK, July 8, 1891.

MR. BROCKING: Will you please send a officer to 163 West Sixty-sixth street. I have 3 small children, I am afflicted myself with sore eyes that I can't support the children. I been in the hospital for a long time and my children was neglected by their mother. She is a drunkard. My little girl of ten years old will tell you a sad story of her cruel mother. I hope you will investigate the whole thing and then you can do as you think best. BERNARD QUINN, 163 Westsixth street, top floor.

Gleason Makes a School Principal.

Ex-Senator Edward F. Fagan of Maspeth has been appointed principal of the Long Island City High School by the Board of Education at a salary of $2,000 per year. The Board of Education is controlled by Mayor Gleason.

Leaped From a Hospital Window.

Jacob Lederberg, 24 years old, of 156 Delancey street, who is temporarily insane, jumped yesterday afternoon from the second-story window of the St. Sinai Hospital at Sixty-sixth street and Lexington avenue. He alighted on a grass plot and was uninjured.

Cannel Coal in Maine.

BATH, Aug. 14.—The drillers for coal at Small Point have passed through a 27-inch vein of fine cannel coal, and are now in slate. A larger bed is expected lower. They have passed half a dozen small veins, each larger than the preceding, and are now down 278 feet.

My Liver

has for a year caused me a great deal of trouble. Had soreness in the back, little appetite, a bitter taste in the mouth, and a general bad feeling all over that I could not locate. Have been taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for the past three months with great benefit. I feel better, the

Bad Taste in the Mouth

is gone, and my general health is again quite good. No longer feel those tired spells come over me.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

is certainly a most excellent medicine."—MRS. L. B. CHASE, Fall River, Mass.

N. B.—Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla.

OBITUARY.

Dr. Thomas L. Smith, whose career as a physician extends back for nearly three-quarters of a century, died at his home, 167 Joralemon street, Brooklyn, Friday afternoon, at the age of 91 years. For fifty years Dr. Smith did active service in the medical corps of the United States navy, and when he was retired twenty years ago it was with the commission of medical director. Dr. Smith was born in Orange, N. J., in 1800. He was educated in the Orange Academy, and at the age of 17 began the study of medicine under Dr. Samuel Hayes of Newark. In 1820 the young man went to New York to continue his studies under Dr. J. Kearney Rodgers, one of the founders of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, where Dr. Smith was a student and assistant until 1823. In 1822 Mr. Smith got his degree from the College of Physicians of Surgeons. After graduation Dr. Smith went back to his birthplace for a few years, but in 1824 opened an office on Greenwich street near Murray. On March 28, 1828, he received the commission of surgeon's mate (now called assistant surgeon) from President John Quincy Adams, and began his naval career in the frigate Hudson in 1830, going to Brazil. In 1837 President Andrew Jackson gave Dr. Smith the commission of surgeon. From 1847 to 1849 he was the surgeon of the New York Navy Yard. In 1850 he went to China on the Saratoga, and was made the fleet surgeon of Commodore Perry's Japan expedition. In 1854 he was back in the New York Navy Yard, and remained there for four years. In 1859 he was fleet surgeon under Commodore Inman of the Brazilian squadron. He spent two years in the Mediterranean and returned home to take charge of the New York Naval Hospital, a position which he held until 1865. During the years 1869 and 1870 he was back in the Navy Yard again, and in 1871 he was retired with the commission of medical director with the relative rank of commodore. Since then he has lived quietly at his Brooklyn home. In 1833 he married Frances Bowen Lathrop. She died in 1842. In 1846 he married Harriet Bacon. The couple had one daughter, Eleanor, who died in 1871. Mrs. Smith survives him. The funeral will be held on Monday.

The Rev. Dr. John Henry Hopkins, one of the most distinguished clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, died on Thursday at the summer residence, near Hudson, of Dr. E. D. Ferguson. Dr. Hopkins was born Oct. 28, 1820, in Pittsburgh, where his father was a lawyer. His father afterward became the first Bishop of Vermont. The family moved to Cambridge, Mass., in 1831, and thence to Burlington, Vt., in 1852. Dr. Hopkins was educated at school in his father's house, at which he assisted as teacher from the age of 14 years. He graduated from the University of Vermont, in Burlington, in 1839. The young man afterward became tutor in Bishop Elliott's family, at Savannah, Ga., from 1842 to 1844. He graduated at the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was ordained deacon in 1850. The Rev. Dr. Hopkins edited *Church Journal* from February, 1851, to May, 1888. He was missionary in Colorado eighteen months in 1870. He was ordained priest in 1872, and was rector of Trinity Church, Plattsburgh, N. Y., four years, and subsequently rector of Christ Church, Williamsport, Pa., for nearly eleven years, his name is doubtless well known in the important movement in the Protestant Episcopal Church for the last thirty years. Dr. Hopkins was the author of a number of works. He wrote the life of his father, edited the published works of his friend, Dr. Mahan of New Jersey, and was the author of many pamphlets on ecclesiastical topics of current interest. Within the last year he had written much for the *Church Quarterly*. An article with Dr. Hopkins's signature in the *New York Tribune* undoubtedly had much to do with the prompt confirmation by the standing dioceses committee of the election of Bishop Phillips Brooks. His power and ability were shown in his success as a preacher, journalist, author, hymn writer, scientific musician, architect, and artist. He wrote many popular hymns and carols, which are sung in America and England. One carol, "We Three Kings of Orient Are," has had very wide use. His hymns form a public-hold volume.

Mrs. Caroline Nichols Du Val, the wife of William Du Val, died at her home at 8 Hoyne place, Brooklyn, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Du Val was the daughter of Horace Clark of Middletown, where she was born sixty-seven years ago. She married William Du Val, a graduate of Wesleyan University, and for the last thirty-two years the family lived in Brooklyn. She leaves five children. William S. Du Val and Mrs. George A. Moore of San Francisco, Horace C. Du Val, Chauncey Depew's private secretary; Guy and Miss Julia D. Du Val. The funeral will be on Monday.

The Hon. John R. Gamble died at his home in Yankton, S. D., yesterday, of paralysis of the heart. He was about 63 years of age. He was born in Genesee county, N. Y., and went to Dakota eighteen years ago to practise law. He has been active in politics and was elected Congressman from South Dakota last fall. He was preparing to go to Washington to occupy his seat when death removed him. Mr. Gamble was a leading Republican, and there are many aspiring candidates for his position. A special election and party conventions will be necessary to fill the vacancy.

The Hon. Henry Bill died yesterday afternoon at Eastern Point, Conn. He was born in Ledyard, Conn., May 18, 1824. In 1847 he began business in Norwich as book publisher, founding what is now known as the Henry Bill Publishing Company. About fifteen years ago he retired from active business. He some years ago founded the Bill Library in his native town of Ledyard, and gave a park to Norwich in the Laurel Hill district.

Mrs. Sarah Edsall Hamilton, widow of Col. Robert A. Hamilton, a distinguished lawyer and politician, died at her home in Newton, N. J., recently, aged 79 years. She was a daughter of the Hon. Joseph E. Edsall, who formerly represented the Sussex district in Congress. Her husband, Col. Hamilton, also represented the district for two terms. She leaves an only child, who is the wife of the Hon. Milton I. Southard of Brooklyn.

Dr. W. C. McCoy, Presiding Elder of the Decatur district (Alabama), died in that city yesterday. He was one of the most distinguished ministers of the Methodist Church in Alabama, and was for many years editor of the Alabama *Christian Advocate*.

Charles B. Foot, aged 40, one of the stenographers in the Third Judicial district, died on Thursday at his home in Kingston. He had been ill about a week and was supposed to be recovering, when a relapse ensued, causing his death.

Charles McDevitt, an esteemed citizen of Ellenville, N. Y., died on Monday, aged 89 years. He was a native of county Donegal, Ireland, and had resided many years in this country. He leaves a wife and seven children.

George B. Allyn, a well-known citizen and member of an old family at Monticello, N. Y., died on Sunday, a