WILLIAM T. WALTERS DEAD

BALTIMORE'S FAMOUS ART COLLECTOR PASSES AWAY.

His Pictures and Other Art Objects Said to Constitute the Finest Private Collection in the United States—Extent of His Treasures—His Method of Collection.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 22.—William T. Walters, one of the wealthiest and best known citizens of Baltimore, and the owner of one of the finest private art collections in the world, died this morning at 10:40 o'clock at his home on Mount Vernon place. The cause of his death was paralysis of the stomach and Bright's disease.

William Thompson Walters was perhaps best known as an art collector, although in a wide range of activities he carried to completion many great commercial enterprises, the most expansive being the establishment of the Atlantic

WILLIAM T. WALTERS.

Coast Line of railroad. He was born in the Juniata River region of Pennsylvania in 1820 and was of Scotch-Irish descent. His father was Henry Walters, a banker. The son studied civil engineering, and before attaining his majority was placed in charge of an iron furnace at Farrandsville, where, in 1838, there was made under his direction the first iron manufactured in this country by the use of mineral coal. He aided in the development of eastern Pennsylvania by showing at Pottsville that iron could be made successfully by the use of anthracite coal. But he did not long devote himself to these pursuits. At the age of 21 he went to Baltimore. Four years later he married Ellen Harper of Philadelphia, and by her had two children, Henry, who has never married, and Jennie, who married Warren Delano of Newburgh, a branch of whose family is allied to the Astors. Mr. and Mrs. Delano live at Orange, N. J. Henry Walters lives at Wilmington, N. C., and has been for some years general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line.

In Baltimore William Walters was engaged in the commission business and also in the wholesale liquor business. After amassing considerable capital he became interested many railroad and steamship lines radiating from Baltimore, and it is said was the organizer of nearly every line of vessels sailing from that port. He acquired control of several short lines of railway, which he merged into the Atlantic Coast Line, running 1,000 miles from Baltimore to Florida and controlling other lines running to St. Louis and Memphis, and he was a powerful factor in the completion of the Texas Pacific road. He was also interested in draught horses, and was a pioneer in the importation of the Percheron breed.

But it was as an art collector that Mr. Walters became known throughout the world, and he brought together in his house in Baltimore what has been said on good authority to be the finest collection of pictures and objects of art in America. The taste for art was apparently inborn, for he is said to have spent for a picture the first $5 he earned. Each year he expended part of his income for pictures, and at the opening of the war had a varied assortment of American paintings. He was a strong anti-slavery man, and found it expedient to leave Baltimore in 1861, so he sailed with his wife for Europe, where he travelled and studied art for four or five years and bought many pictures.

As his information increased he became more critical, and on his return to Baltimore he began to weed out his collection of paintings. This he continued as long as he lived, and his collection now has few of his original purchases, and few American paintings.

"I am constantly learning," he used to say, even in late years, "and I am constantly selling and buying something better as my taste improves."

In 1862 Mr. Walters's wife died in London, where he had taken her from Paris to see an exhibition. Her death was the result of a cold caught on the journey. From the time of his wife's death Mr. Walters lived by himself, and among his art treasures. He did not go into society. From time to time, as he added choice objects to his collection, he would give receptions to well-known art lovers from various parts of the country. Frequently a special car containing his guests would go to Baltimore from Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. There was usually an element of the picturesque in these gatherings. The Chinese and Japanese Ministers generally came over from Washington in their native regalia and decorations.

Mr. Walters's collection grew from a gallery of paintings to include works in gold and silver and bronze, carved ivories and enamels, lacquer and enamel work and porcelains. It contains historical specimens showing the development of the Chinese and Japanese porcelain industries from very early times.

What was practically the beginning of the present Walters collection was made in 1855, according to Samuel P. Avery of this city, who was an intimate acquaintance of Mr. Walters for forty years. Mr. Avery said yesterday:

"In 1855 an artist named W. J. Rainey died, leaving a large family without means. The friends of New York, to aid his family, contributed pictures which were to be sold at auction for their benefit. Among the pictures were two which Mr. Walters fancied. They were 'Morning in the Tropics,' by F. E. Church, and a portrait of 'Antony Van Corlear,' by Charles L. Elliott. Their size was something like 8x10 inches. Mr. Walters could not be present at the sale, and he intrusted me with a commission to purchase them. He named no price limit, and when I said I would prefer to have a limit fixed, he said:

"'Well, I want those two pictures, and when I tell you to buy them, buy them, if they bring $5 or $500 or $5,000 apiece.'

"His competition ran up the price of the Elliott to $400 and that of the Church to $555. Up to this time $100 would have been a good price for a picture here, and Mr. Walters's competition gave a standard which has helped American art from that time till now."

Among the paintings in Mr. Walters's gallery are Turner's "Grand Canal in Venice," regarded by many as the best work of that master in America; Fortuny's "Rare Vase" and "Hindoo Snake Charmers," the latter said to show certain effects which no other painter has ever placed upon canvas; Baron Leys's "Edict of Charles V.," which received one of the eight medals of honor at the Paris Exposition of 1867; Alma Tadema's "Sappho," and the famous "Hemicycle" by Delaroche, which is a group of seventy-five of the world's great painters, architects, and sculptors from the age of Pericles to the reign of "Le Grande Monarch." This was the original study for the semicircular wall of the Paris School of Fine Arts. The picture was rescued by the pupils during the Commune.

"It lay for a long time," says Mrs. Martha J. Lamb in the *Magazine of American History*, "at Marseilles before it could be shipped with safety to Baltimore. If Mr. Walters should ever care to relinquish it to the French he could fix his own price."

The picture of greatest size—8 feet by 4—in the collection is Corot's "The Martyrdom of St. Sebastian," called his greatest work, and one on which he was occupied for several years. The gallery has few works of the old masters, but contains some of the best of Meissonier, Millais, Millet, Delaroche, Munkacsy, Detaille, Delacroix, Diaz, Corot, Rosa Bonheur, Daubigny, Breton, Dupré, Cammas, Gérome, and Fromentin. Gérome's "Christian Martyrs," where the Christians are in the arena waiting portraying the character as he intended to delineate it.

Mr. Walters was in constant communication with persons in various parts of the world who could get for him or put him in the way of securing anything of real artistic value in the market, and the large wealth which he amassed in his business made it possible for him to gratify his desires in that direction. When his house became filled with the treasures, he obtained from the city permission to bridge an alleyway back of his house. In Baltimore these alleys run through the centre of each block. He purchased the house back of his own, and his purchase gave him a dwelling that now runs from street to street. He planned to publish an elaborate catalogue of his collection, and writers have been engaged for some time upon the work. Last winter Dr. Bushell, the interpreter of the British Legation at Pekin, spent several weeks in Baltimore deciphering the hieroglyphics on the Chinese objects.

There has been much speculation as to what would become of the Walters collection upon the death of its owner, but none of Mr. Walters's friends could ever elicit from him a hint as to his intentions regarding it.

Mr. Walters is supposed to be the owner of the celebrated Morgan peachblow vase that was sold for $15,000, but he never acknowledged that he had it.

Mr. Walters has for years been an honorary fellow of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, but he never identified himself with the institution.

The funeral will be held in Grace Episcopal Church, Baltimore, at 2 P. M. on Saturday.

Obituary Notes.

Gen. William Harvey Gibson died in Tiffin, O., to-day. He was well known as "Gen. Bill Gibson, the silver-tongued orator." He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, seventy-two years ago, and went to Seneca county with his parents when he was five months old. No political campaign, State or national, was thought to be started in Ohio until "Bill" Gibson was heard in behalf of the Republican party. It was not in political discussions alone that Gen. Gibson was popular as an orator. At soldiers' reunions, pioneers' meetings, &c., he was always in great demand. At the outbreak of the war Gen. Gibson raised the Forty-ninth Regiment and was commissioned its Colonel. While leading a charge at the battle of Shiloh he received a severe bayonet wound and had three horses shot under him. Soon, however, he was again at the head of his regiment, and served until the end of the war, for two years as brigade and division commander, and counted the dead upon no less than forty-two fields of battle. Upon the election of Charles Foster as Governor in 1879 Gen. Gibson became his Adjutant-General.

John H. Sickels, patentee of the Sickels fire hand engine, died at his residence in Portchester yesterday afternoon. He was 70 years old. He was Mr. Sickels was a member of the old New York Volunteer Fire Department, his engines being used by the city. They were also used in nearly every city in the United States. After the establishment of the fire engines Mr. Sickels retired from business, having saved quite a little fortune. He lived in Portchester for many years. His wife died a few years ago. He leaves five children. The funeral services will take place from his residence on Westchester avenue on Sunday, and the interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery on Monday.

Charles Francis Griffin of 40 West Fiftieth street died after a long illness yesterday, aged 57 years. He was a member of the house of H. Griffin & Sons, leather dealers, at 54 and 56 Duane street. After the father's death, Mr. Griffin and his brother, Edward Paxson Griffin, who is the senior member of the firm, carried on the business. He leaves a widow.

George D. Teller, for many years land and travelling agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad, died in Buffalo on Wednesday night of apoplexy. He was 75 years of age.

STORY OF A LUMBER SWINDLE.

An Alleged Fraudulent Company Which Made More Than $1,500,000.

TOLEDO, Nov. 22.—Suit has been begun in court here by Samuel M. Gates against the Pennsylvania Land and Lumber Company. Gates is a lumber dealer in Saginaw, Mich., and says he was swindled out of a large amount of money by the defendants. Inquiry in Pittsburgh showed that the company had moved its offices to New Jersey, where it was incorporated.

Detectives discovered it to be a swindling concern, and the persons involved, so far discovered, are Mrs. John Harris, W. E. Delaney, Jennie Emerson, Margaret Christy, and Matilda Gorst. On the strength of fraudulent references and claims the company bought millions of dollars' worth of lumber, sold it without paying a cent, and decamped with the proceeds. It is understood that Mrs. Harris finally, under pressure, told of the whole affair, and that the day upon which she was to come to Toledo to confess everything she was taken sick. She declares that she had been poisoned by one of the conspirators because she told of the swindle. It is estimated that the swindlers got away with more than $1,500,000.

Manning and Lamont Sell Out Their Shares in the Albany Argus.

ALBANY, Nov. 22.—The Hon. James H. Manning to-day confirmed the report that he had disposed of the two-fifths stock in the Albany *Argus* which was controlled by the Manning interest. He did not know who the purchasers were, but it was learned to-day that they were the persons who are now in control. Five shares of stock owned by the Honl. Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary of War, were included in the Manning interest.

George W. Hunt's Check Transaction.

George W. Hunt, a young Brooklyn man who is well connected, but whose financial standing has been more or less impaired, was before Police Justice Walsh yesterday charged with swindling Hattie and Charles M. Jacobson by means of a worthless check. He was put under bonds for examination. Young Hunt is the owner of the yacht Nokomis the crew of which are suing him for their wages.

Are You Cut-sick When Travelling?

Cut-sickness is as trying to many people as seasickness. It comes from a derangement of the stomach. A Hyomei Tablet is an insuperable antidote against it. A box should be in every traveller's outfit.—*Adv.*

JOHN C. FREMONT BURIED.

HIS BODY LAID IN ITS LAST RESTING PLACE YESTERDAY.

The Grave Is on a Lofty Hill in Rockland Cemetery Overlooking the Hudson—The Ceremonies Under the Auspices of the New York Society of the California Pioneers—Rear Admiral Meade's Tribute.

The body of Gen. John C. Fremont, the famous old "Pathfinder" and the Republican party's first candidate for President of the United States, was laid in its last resting place yesterday afternoon. The spot selected was in the Rockland Cemetery, near Sparkill, N. Y. Gen. Fremont died on July 13, 1890, and funeral services were held two days later at the Church of St. Ignatius, 36 West Fortieth street. The remains were temporarily placed in the receiving tomb at Trinity Cemetery, and were removed to Rockland Cemetery on March 17, 1891. They remained in the receiving tomb there until yesterday.

PROPOSED FREMONT MONUMENT.

A few weeks ago Gen. Fremont's widow wrote from Los Angeles, where she is living, directing that the body should be interred in the plot which had been selected. The grave is almost at the very top of the lofty hill upon the side of which the cemetery is located, and when the Fremont monument has been erected it will be plainly visible from the boats on the Hudson River. The design for the proposed monument was prepared by J. Massey Rhind, and is to bear the sign of the cross, as desired by Mrs. Fremont, in recognition of Gen. Fremont's custom of making his discoveries in that way and of the reverence in which he held the emblem. The monument will be erected either by the widow or by the California pioneers. It will be of granite, with the wreath and inscription in bronze.

An added interest was lent to yesterday's ceremony by the fact that it was held under the auspices of the New York Society of Pioneers of the Territorial Days of California. The members of the association, with their guests, left this city at 1:20 in a special car to attend the interment. Among them were many who had known Gen. Fremont in the old days in California, some who had been soldiers with him, and some who followed his lead across the trackless forests and mountains of the far West. In all there were fourteen forty-niners, including Rear Admiral Richard W. Meade, who is President of the society; Col. Charles J. Murphy, John D. Townsend, Col. A. C. Ferris, and Dr. A. T. Goodell. In addition there were five pioneers, two who reached California in 1847 and three in 1850. The party also included Gen. Nelson A. Miles, Lieut. John C. Fremont of the navy, with his wife, Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, whose daughter married Gen. Fremont's second son, and Mrs. John W. Magruder, widow of Gen. Magruder. Letters of regret were sent by Gen. Horace Porter, Bishop Potter, the Rev. Morgan Dix, Collis P. Huntington, and a number of aged Forty-niners who were unable to attend.

The party took carriages at the Sparkill station and drove to the cemetery, about a mile away. A large number of people from the neighborhood climbed the steep hill on foot to do honor to the dead hero. The coffin was enclosed in a plain pine box, which bore a copper plate with the inscription, "John C. Fremont, born 1813, died 1890." Upon it were laid two American flags. One of them was sent by the Grand Army of the Republic. The other was brought from New York by Sexton Meurer of Trinity Chapel. It was the flag which was used at Gen. Fremont's funeral four years ago, and has also served at the funerals of Gen. John A. Dix, Gen. Thomas Swords, and Commander W. D. Whiting.

The burial service of the Protestant Episcopal Church was read by the Rev. Ward Dennis of Sparkill. Admiral Meade then spoke briefly of Gen. Fremont.

"In the face of death," he said, "I do not know what can be said following the beautiful service which we have heard read. Gen. Fremont was a man who did as much as any man in his generation to give us the empire of the West, the domain of California. I remember as a boy my heart thrilled when we heard the doings of him whose remains will rest in this beautiful spot overlooking the historic Hudson. He was not only the pathfinder of a new country; he was the pioneer of a great movement. As a leader of a great party, which gave freedom to thousands of our fellow countrymen in the South, I believe that every pulse of his heart beat for his country. I believe that if he had had his wish he would have died fighting for the colors of the Union which he helped to uphold. As President of the California Pioneers I pay my humble tribute to his memory."

The Rev. E. Crowell of Nyack, who had known Gen. Fremont during his lifetime, spoke feelingly of his memory.

"My mind goes back to-day," he said, "to 1856, when, as a comparatively young man, I cast my vote for Fremont for President. When I heard that he was defeated the tears trickled down my cheeks, and I am not ashamed of it now. Since that '56 campaign men will bear a tear like myself will remember that we went into it heart and soul. We honor ourselves to-day in depositing this body of John C. Fremont, one of the greatest and best of American soldiers and American statesmen."

With the pronouncing of the benediction, the simple ceremony was over. The pioneers, each with a souvenir plucked from the green boughs which strewed the grave, started back to the train.

LEE YUEN NOT A MERCHANT.

Commissioner Shields Decides that He Ought to Be Sent Back to China.

The interesting case of the Chinaman Lee Yuen, which has been before United States Commissioner Shields since last July, was decided against the Chinaman yesterday, so far as it can be decided by the Commissioner. Lee had lived in this city and worked as a cigarmaker in Park row for two or three years and until a year ago, when he returned to China for a visit. He came back by way of Canada, and got in by swearing he was a merchant.

When he was arrested at his cigar-making bench in July he said he was a member of the grocery firm of Kwong Shing & Yuen, 5 Mott street. It has been shown at the hearings before Commissioner Shields that this firm has sixty-five "members," and that Lee never got any revenue from his share in it.

As there are said to be a goodly number of Chinamen in this city who may be affected by this decision if it is allowed to stand, it is believed that the case will be carried up.

Food for the Striking Cloakmakers.

The feature in the cloakmakers' strike yesterday was the crowd of persons who came to the depot of the union, 112 Ludlow street, for assistance. Some of them seemed famine stricken, though the greater number looked fairly strong. George W. Jones and Miss E. Schoenberger looked after the distribution. Several strikers formed themselves into a volunteer corps to preserve order. Every one had to show a union ticket as the passport for relief.

Mrs. Morris Friedman of 180 Orchard street called and said that her husband had the "hunger sickness" and was unable to retain food on his stomach. A committee was sent to the house and found her story true. A basket containing bread, butter, sugar, milk, and some meat was sent to the family.

A number of unions sent provisions to the depot. A saloon keeper sent 300 tickets each calling for a schooner of beer.

Chancellor Allison's Murderer Dead.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 22.—George K. Whitworth died this morning at 3:30 o'clock, having lived eight days after his attempt at suicide. He assassinated Chancellor Allison.

SHOT BY A MASKED MAN.

He Entered a Farmhouse and Fired on William Wickwire and Sister.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Nov. 22.—A masked man shot and mortally wounded William Wickwire, a farmer, living near Climax, and also shot and slightly wounded Miss Wickwire, a sister of the farmer, early last evening. At 7 o'clock last night the man knocked at the door of the farm house occupied by Wickwire, three miles south of Climax. An adopted son answered the knock, and the man, whose clothes were concealed by a long rubber coat and his features by a pillow case, entered and asked for the man of the house. He passed by the lad into the sitting room, where Wickwire's sister was sitting. She saw that he was masked and carried a revolver, and she jumped up and grabbed for the weapon. At this he pulled the trigger, the ball striking her in the side of the neck, making a slight flesh wound. He fired again, but the shot missed its mark.

Wickwire, who was in the parlor adjoining, rushed out and grabbed the man. The murderer turned on him and fired one shot, the ball striking him in the mouth and passing through his head. The second ball glanced around his eye, a third struck him in the abdomen, and a fourth missed him. Mrs. Wickwire ran out of the parlor and endeavored to tear the mask off the murderer's face. He fought her desperately, however, and started to back out of the room. Just as he was backing out of the room, Wickwire, who had partly recovered consciousness, raised a chair and struck him over the head. The blow stunned him partially, and he half dropped to the floor, but rallied and ran from the place.

Wickwire is injured mortally, and the doctors say he can live only a short time. His sister's wound is not fatal. A relative and neighbor is suspected of the crime.

MRS. MEINECKE IN THE LOCKUP.

After a Night in Oak Street She Is Held for Again Assaulting Rose.

Mrs. Christenah W. Meinecke, wife of C. W. Meinecke of the firm of Meinecke & Co., dealers in drug supplies, 257 Greenwich street, after spending the summer at Pelhamville removed a few days ago to the St. Nicholas Hotel. On Wednesday she came down town to see her husband, from whom she is separated. When Edward Rose, the secretary of the company of which her husband is President, told her that Mr. Meinecke was not in, she struck Rose in the eye. She was arrested. At the hearing before Justice Ryan in the Tombs Police Court yesterday she was held under $300 bail on a charge of assault. A bondsman was found by her attorney, Nestor Alexander of 140 Nassau street.

Mrs. Meinecke, who is a Chicago widow, horsewhipped Rose in July for not letting her see her husband, whom the previous April she had kept prisoner in their rooms in Harlem. He escaped and suits for separation by each followed, but were not entertained. Mrs. Meinecke says that, in the scuffle on Wednesday, she lost the diamond setting of her engagement ring and a small diamond pin. She spent the night in the Oak street police station. Rose, she declared, ordered her out of the office, and, when she refused to go, he and two of his clerks threw her down stairs. In the struggle she struck Rose. Justice Ryan refused to entertain the counter charge she wished to make.

When in the Tombs Police Court she wore a sealskin sacque, a jaunty bonnet, and a stylish gown, diamond earrings, and several rings. When taken back to the prison, before her bondsman was obtained, she fainted, and was quite ill all the afternoon.

GLEESON GETS BLAIR ARRESTED.

A Suit for Slander Against the Former Fire Commissioner.

John J. Blair, ex-Assemblyman and ex-Fire Commissioner, was arrested yesterday on an order of Judge Bookstaver of the Court of Common Pleas, in an action brought against him by William Gleeson to recover $10,000 for alleged slander. He gave the $1,500 bail required and was released.

Both men had been active members of the Volunteer Fire Department and have also been employed in the new Fire Department. Gleeson is night custodian of Fire Headquarters. Blair has been in the repair department.

The two men were at the rooms of the Volunteer Fire Department in the Essex Market building on Oct. 28 last. They had some words, which James Kearney, counsel for Gleeson, said yesterday were to this effect: Gleeson had previously notified the association of his resignation. Blair, however, asked Gleeson if he would not take part in a ball the association was going to give. Gleeson replied that he would not do so, as he had resigned. The complaint says that Blair indulged in loud and abusive language to Gleeson before about fifteen of their acquaintances, and said:

"You are a thief. You know you are a thief and I can prove you are a thief."

Gleeson says that Blair then wanted him to fight and attempted to strike him, and succeeded in kicking him.

SPOTTED BY HIS WIFE'S LAWYER.

Mr. Sackett Threw Away a Spoiled Telegram and the Lawyer Got It.

Anna W. Sackett had an action before Judge Freedman of the Superior Court yesterday for an absolute divorce from James W. Sackett, a retired tailor. Sackett did not defend the case.

Lawyer Henry H. Browne was the counsel as well as principal witness for the plaintiff. He said that two women had been named as co-respondents, but that the name of one of them would not be used in the case, as she is now a school teacher and has reformed. He testified that on the afternoon of April 24 last he was in a telegraph office of the Western Union Telegraph Company on Broadway, near Thirty-fourth street, where he saw Sackett writing a telegram. Sackett crumpled one up after writing it and threw it on the floor, and sent another. Lawyer Browne secured the discarded blank. He put it in evidence, as follows:

Mrs. Anna Marsden, Plainfield, Conn. Meet me to-morrow, for a three or four days' stay, at 4 P. M.
JAMES W. SACKETT.

The next afternoon at 4 o'clock Browne and a detective were at the Grand Central Depot, where, as Browne testified, Sackett met a woman whom he took to the Oriental Hotel. He registered as James W. Sackett and wife. The woman and Sackett went to a theatre that night, and Browne said that next morning he saw them come into the dining room of the hotel without their hats. Lawyer Browne said that he took no interest in the case because he was a friend of Mrs. Sackett and her family. Decision was reserved.

"PANTATA" POSPISIL ARRESTED.

Just a Precaution to Insure His Testifying Against ex-Ward Man Campbell.

John Pospisil, saloon keeper, of 1,370 Avenue A, was arrested yesterday by Detective Sergeant Reilly upon a bench warrant granted by Judge Ingraham in the Oyer and Terminer at the request of Assistant District Attorney Lindsay on the ground that Pospisil is an important witness for the prosecution in the case of ex-Ward man Campbell. Mr. Lindsay had been informed that Pospisil was likely to leave the city to avoid appearing as a witness. Pospisil was a witness before the Lexow committee, and he originated in his testimony the term "Pantata" as applied to a police Captain. His testimony was that Campbell had directed him, as the President of the Bohemian Liquor Dealers' Association, to make a collection for the benefit of the Captain of the precinct, whom the Bohemians called "Pantata." Bail in $2,500 was furnished by Charles Stastney of 1,336 Avenue A and Pospisil was released.

Testimony About Tenement House Life.

The public hearing of the Tenement House Committee at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon in the old Criminal Court House will be devoted to the general subject of tenement house life in New York, the witnesses being a number of men and women familiar with the subject by residence or special examination. It is expected that among these will be J. B. Reynolds of the University Settlement, Jacob A. Riis, author of "The Children of the Poor," Dr. Jane E. Robbins of 95 Rivington street, Edward King, Henry L. Rice, Robert Graham, and Dr. Felix Adler. On Saturday afternoon the subject will be the public health.

The Limited Liability Contract Didn't Work in This Case.

Miss Hannah Springer, whose trunk was rifled by the driver of a wagon of the Westcott Express Company, to which she had intrusted it, got a verdict for $2,045.60 against the company yesterday in the Supreme Court before Judge Patterson. Last time she got a verdict for $1,900, which was set aside by the Court of Appeals. The company's defence was that its liability was limited to $150 by its special contract with its customers, handed to her when it took her check.

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ECKFORD WEBB'S WILL.

The Husband of the Old Shipbuilder's Housekeeper Gives Some Queer Testimony.

At the continuation of the hearing in the contest over the will of the late shipbuilder Eckford Webb, before Surrogate Abbott, in Brooklyn yesterday, Thomas Ranken, the husband of Jennie Belknap Ranken, who, as alleged, used force and deceit to induce Mr. Webb to remember her in his will, was the principal witness.

"Are you the husband of Mrs. Ranken?" he was asked.

"Unfortunately for me," he answered, "I am the husband of that woman. I lived with her until 1891, when she left me to go to Mr. Webb's house."

"Were you ever introduced to Mr. Webb?"

"Yes, by that woman. She first introduced me as Mr. Ranken, and then Mrs. Webb began to call me 'Uncle John.'"

The witness said that Mr. Webb did not know that he was Mrs. Ranken's husband, and had often said that he would not have a married woman in his house. Ranken dared his wife's counsel to cross-examine him.

A motion was made to dismiss the proceedings on the ground that no fraud had been proved, and on this Surrogate Abbott reserved his decision.

FELL FROM A STEPLADDER.

An Eleven-year-old Girl Killed While Hanging Out Clothes.

Fanny Keegan, an eleven-year-old girl, was killed yesterday morning by falling from a stepladder at the Five Points Mission house. Shortly before 9 o'clock she went into the back yard to hang up some clothes. After arriving there with the basket which contained the wet clothes she found that the line was several feet above her head. So she procured a short stepladder and dragged it under the line.

While standing on top of the ladder she bent down to reach the basket which she had placed on one of the lower steps. The ladder was shaky and in trying to keep her balance she lost her footing and fell backward a distance of five or six feet. She struck on the back of her head, doubling it under her, and breaking her neck. When picked up she was dead.

THE STEAMSHIP ALAMO FIRE.

Loss About $75,000—Vessel Submerged Before It Was Put Out.

The fire in the Mallory line steamship Alamo, which was discovered at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, was not put out until the vessel had been so filled with water that she rested on the mud at the foot of Burling slip.

She was so much damaged that even if the water in her is pumped out she cannot sail to-morrow, and the Lampasas, which is due to-day, will sail in her place.

Her crew had some difficulty in escaping from the fire. The loss on the cargo, which consisted of 4,000 bales of cotton, some hides, and 185 cases of cigars for New York consumption, will probably be about $50,000. The loss on the vessel is perhaps half that amount.

CYNOSURE'S DERBY.

Norvin T. Harris's Pointer Wins the Field Trial Prize at Newton.

NEWTON, N. C., Nov. 22.—A heavy fog, which lasted until 9:30 o'clock this morning, caused the Charlottesville Kennel's pointer Delhi and the Blue Ridge Kennel's Lady Mildred to make a late start. Lady was active as usual and succeeded in doing quite all the point work. Delhi ran in poor luck. Clementina and Luna were next. Neither showed up very well. Both proved that they had no business in the second series. Blue Ridge Kennel's Nellie Fox and Pierre Lorillard, Jr.'s, Pahoma ran the closing heat in the Derby and made a poor showing. The judges made the following awards: Norvin T. Harris's Cynosure, first prize; same owner's Tony Boy, second prize; Blue Ridge Kennel's Lady Mildred, third prize.

The All-aged Stake closed with twenty-two starters, and five braces were finished during the afternoon. Pierre Lorillard, Jr.'s, Antevolo and F. R. Hitchcock's Sandstone won the first brace. Antevolo had a decided advantage, doing nearly all the point work and excelling in speed and range. S. Murray Mitchell's Sandy Gladstone and Blue Ridge Kennel's Allene ran next. Allene did not sustain her reputation, most of her point work being false. Sandy Gladstone covered his ground well and was accurate and clever in his point work. The third brace were the Charlottesville Kennel's pointer Wild Damon and W. W. Titus's Minnie T. The latter outclassed Damon in all kinds of work. Minnie T. is an active hunter, covering ground well and intelligently, and generally stanch in her work.

Kidwell and Stoddard's pointer Tick Boy ran with Pierre Lorillard, Jr.'s setter bitch Beryl. While Tick Boy has the widest range he did not hunt quite as around so well. Beryl did by far the most work on game. She has had no equal in this respect. Blue Ridge Kennel's Bessie Shoupe and the Eldridge Kennel's bitch Antonio ran a long time without finding. They showed fair speed and range. Antonio did the most point work, but neither are likely to continue in the race. Birds were fairly plentiful. The attendance was the largest for years.

The Foxhound Trials Have Been Declared Off

OLYMPIA, Ky., Nov. 22.—The second division of the Champion Stake entries were taken out this morning by daylight, and the territory for twenty miles was hunted. Only a cold trail was struck, and the dogs could do nothing with it. The hunters returned to the hotel without a chase. It was learned to-day that the people of the neighborhood have been hunting the country every night, and that is why there has been no chase.

At a meeting to-night of the officers it was decided to declare the field trials off, and all the hounds were turned out for a big hunt, which was enjoyed. A scarcity of foxes will be guarded against next year.

Go and See an Author.

To-day, to-morrow, and Monday a number of distinguished authors and their friends will hold receptions at Sherry's. You may go in and chat with the authors or hear them talk or read, and you'll see a lot of interesting things there, and the 25 cents you pay for admission will go, together with all the proceeds, to aid two institutions—St. Mary's Free Hospital for Children and Harper's Young People Round Table Industrial School building at Goodwill farm, Maine. Patrons of the entertainment, which is called "Round Table and Authors' Reception," are not limited to the mere 25 cents admission as an expression of their charitable feelings. There will be some extremely interesting metal work exhibited for sale, all the work of children who are inmates of the institutions to be benefited, and needlework—well, just see that needlework!

$6,950 FOR YOUNG WISTFUL.

WEDGEWOOD'S FOUR-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER GOES TO QUEBEC.

The Yearling Colt Dick Russell, by Lord Russell, Who Is a Full Brother to Maud S., Is Knocked Down to Trainer Quinlin for $2,450—Robert Bonner Buys the Well-bred Filly Elfrida—A Valuable Mare Injures Herself and Has to Be Destroyed.

The second day of Tattersalls' sale of trotting stock in Madison Square Garden brought out another big crowd of breeders, dealers, and turfmen yesterday, and some of the prices realized were the highest and most satisfactory known in the horse market since the financial stringency set in.

Wistful, the four-year-old daughter of Wedgewood, was one of the first animals put up at the morning session, and she brought the best price of the present season in the auction ring, going to Alexander McLaren of Buckingham, Quebec, for $6,950. O. G. Kent of Cleveland and Capt. W. C. Harrington of Troy were the contending bidders, and the last named, who wanted the young mare for road driving, ran her up to $6,900. It is understood that Mr. McLaren, who is a wealthy lumberman in Canada, and who recently purchased the fast pacer Clay Hontas, 2:10¾, will campaign Wistful next season.

The filly has been on the turf ever since she was a yearling. As a two-year-old she took a record of 2:29¾, at three years old she scored 2:19¾, and this year she won a heat in 2:13¾ at the Louisville meeting in October. Wistful was entered in the Horse Show last week, but she failed to arrive in time to compete against Col. Kip's champion roadsters and the others.

Next in importance to the sale of Wistful was that of the yearling colt Dick Russell, son of Lord Russell, the full brother to Maud S., consigned by Mike Bowerman of Lexington. This youngster took a record of 2:34¼ last season, and, it is said, showed a quarter at the rate of a mile in 2:10. He won four races out of five in his yearling form, and is entered in stakes worth $25,000 to be trotted for in 1895 and 1896.

The well-known trainer, J. Scott Quinton of Kirkwood, Del., was the buyer of the colt, and the price was $2,450. It is said that the colt was bought for Doc J. C. McCoy, owner of the kite-shaped trotting track at Kirkwood. The fast mare Lena Holly, 2:17¾, that was campaigned in the West last season with a good degree of success by John Splan, went to A. Newbold Morris of this city for $2,550. The roan daughter of Director will hereafter be driven on the road.

Robert Bonner secured one of the bargains of the day in Elfrida, 2:13¾, the young mare that in 1894 was the only three-year-old on the turf equal to giving the great filly Fantasy a contest. At the Pittsburgh Grand Circuit meeting Elfrida won two heats from Fantasy, and barely missed beating her the race. She is known to be one of the fastest trotters now in training. Gil Curry having driven her a quarter in 29¾ seconds in her work this year. Elfrida is a fashionably bred filly, being by Candidate, the son of Electioneer, out of Gladness, by Nutwood, 2:18¾, and tracing back in the maternal line to the dam of the old-time trotter, Lady Mac, 2:26. It is said that Mr. Bonner will drive her on the road, and afterward breed her to his trotting stallion Ansel, 2:20, the sire of Answer, 2:14½.

An unfortunate accident which occurred during the evening sale resulted in the death of Golden Belle, a valuable mare, with a record of 2:20¾, that was owned by Eli Ayer of Philadelphia. John Splan was showing the speedy daughter of Almont, Jr., upon the little show-ring track when the high-wheeled cart upset in rounding one of the sharp turns, throwing Splan violently to the ground. The mare ran around to the Fourth avenue end of the Garden and there dashed out of the ring. She was quickly caught, but when examined it was found that her hind legs had been cut to the bone just above the fetlocks, and by the principal from another school. Then the committee delegated Brown to write up the testimony, and make a report to the association at a meeting that will be called for the purpose. The report will embody the foregoing testimony, with the suggestion that the matter be referred to the Advisory Board of the I. A. A. for action.

Previous to the meeting of the investigating committee, the delegates to the Interscholastic Athletic Association held a meeting in the gymnasium of the Columbia School. Voluntary amendment offered by Balthazzi of Harvard that the age limit be raised to 21 years was lost, as was also the resolution of Waterman of Drisler School to the effect that boys who were obliged to work during the summer months should be allowed I. A. A. contests from the schools that they regularly attended. In voting against this motion, the delegates imagined that they were voting in line with a clause in their constitution which says that a boy who has been in business and returned to school shall be excluded from all I. A. A. contests. Waterman defended his amendment admirably, and declared that if his amendment was lost it would discriminate against the poorer boys in the private schools. The majority of the delegates did not follow the argument and clung to the belief that in killing the amendment they were doing something which would tend to purify scholastic athletics.

The amendment offered by Brown of Halsey School that the word "regular" be placed before the word "meeting" in the clause which read that "an amendment to be properly carried must be proposed at one meeting and voted upon at the next meeting," was carried.

Some amusement was caused by a letter that Secretary Alexander read relating to the tennis tournament held by the association last spring. The letter was from Kelly, formerly of Harvard school. Kelly is the Yale man who Capt. Trenchard said had been sent by Capt. Hinkey to take part in the Yale interests of this city against the Princetonians for the purpose of getting secret information about the Princetonians' play. Kelly entered in the doubles in the I. A. A. tennis tournament and paid in his $2 fee; but the doubles were never held, and Kelly was never got his money back again. The doubles were not held because the rain deterred the players from making their appearance. On a motion it was decided that Kelly should not get his money.

There will be no game for the metropolitan Interscholastic Football Championship this year. A letter was read at yesterday's I. A. A. meeting from Secretary Harry Pratt of the Long Island Interscholastic Athletic League accepting the I. A. A.'s challenge for a team relay race, and in turn challenging the winner of the I. A. A. football contest for the championship. The I. A. A. delegates declined to accept the challenge.

Ziegler Wants to Meet Young Griffo.

Ever since Owen Ziegler of Philadelphia appeared last Monday night in his battle with Jack McAuliffe he has had an idea that he can beat Young Griffo, and asks for a chance of facing the erratic but adroit Australian. Ziegler fancies a meeting at 133 pounds for a nice side bet and the best purse procurable. He is not against making a match at short notice, for at present he is in good condition. He declares that he is always in fine trim. Should Griffo agree to accept this deal Ziegler declares that he will meet him at any place Griffo may suggest. Ziegler will deposit some money to show that his intentions to fight are not spurious.

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