

THE DEBT OF A DEBT RAISER.

THIS IS DR. ALONZO C. MOREHOUSE'S AUCION DAY.

He Spent So Much of His Life Raising Money to Pay Off Church Mortgages That He Had No Time to Look After Himself—Household Goods to Go.

In the course of forty-six years in the ministry the Rev. Dr. Alonzo C. Morehouse gained a reputation as one of the most successful debt raisers in the Methodist denomination. But like the shoemaker's children who go barefoot, he quite forgot to look after his own finances, and the consequence is that there will be an auction sale of his household goods and his literary this morning for debt-raising purposes.

Considering the thousands and thousands of dollars which Dr. Morehouse has induced people to give for the relief of debt-burdened churches, the amount of his own obligation, which for the life of him can't meet, seems pitifully small. It is only \$55, but that's \$55 more than he can pay.

Dr. Morehouse is just 82, and for the last two years has been what the Methodists call "superannuated," that is to say, he has been on the retired list, trying to live on a pension. His claim on the pension fund is \$100 a year, or \$10 for each year of his active ministry, but there isn't enough money raised for this purpose to give the superannuated clergymen their full due, so he's been getting only his pro rata share of what the church has to give. It came this year to \$300.

Dr. Morehouse's last charge, as the Methodist phrase has it, was the Second Street Church in Manhattan, a poor congregation on the East Side. When he got through there in April, 1900, he was through for good, so he put his household furniture and the 200 volumes of his library in DeWitt's "Sons" storage warehouse at 211 Second street and went up to live near the camping ground at Sing Sing, or Ossining, as they call it now, for which he had been raising money by the thousands, intending to spend his twilight days there in rest and quiet.

The storage charges on the goods at DeWitt's have been piling up, and Dr. Morehouse sees no prospect of being able to meet them, so he has determined to let the warehouse people sell him out, hoping that there may be something left after the \$55 is paid. He came down from Ossining last Sunday and took charge of a seventeenth anniversary service for the Second Street church. In the course of the day he told his old friends about \$100 he'd raised for the camping association, and then he called their attention to a necessity which they'd never heard him refer to before and intimated that if any of them was in need of chairs or tables or books or a parlor organ he'd be glad to see them at the auction at 10 o'clock this morning. There's a similar notice in the Christian Advocate, so the Methodist people are pretty well informed of the situation in which their old debt raiser finds himself, and all that remains to be seen is how well they'll respond.

About seven years ago Dr. Morehouse wrote an autobiography, which was published by the Methodist Book Concern. It had a glowing introduction by Bishop Newman. From one of the early chapters it appears that Dr. Morehouse began to be a good giver early in life. He was a mighty sinner in his youth up in Schenectady, and a mighty reader of the Bible, too. He made up his mind that it was his duty to give tithes, so exactly one-tenth of all the proceeds of the milk and turkey skins and the wild honey which he sold was devoted to religious purposes.

That was long before he became a preacher. He was a carpenter and a builder first and a minister afterward. His first regular pastorate was at Summit, Schenectady county in 1850. He was transferred to Bloomingville, Davenport, Prattsville and Roxbury, where Jay Gould came from, and where he met the famous banker. He had churches also in Windham, Wappingers Falls and North Sing Sing, where he came in New York in 1873 to take charge of the City Mission Church.

They sent him to the Eleventh Street Church in 1875, and he stayed there until he got out of debt that the Bishop thought he'd be just the man to tackle the Forsyth Street Church, which had a monumental debt of \$20,000. They kept him at the church for five years, and when he left Forsyth street the church was on the way to solvency; it eventually got there, and subsequent services were published by Bishop Doane. Mr. Morehouse was awakened by the noise of something falling. He arose, groped his way along the hallway and descended the stairs to the lower level, where he found an electric button which illuminated the lower part of the house. He pressed another which lighted up the porch.

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THEATRICAL AFFAIRS.

Mrs. Campbell Too Ill to Act—Sir Henry Irving to Come Here Again.

The Garden Theatre was closed last evening and will again tonight. During a rehearsal of "Magda," which she intended reviving for a single performance next Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Patrick Campbell took cold, of which she thought little. But in the middle of Wednesday evening's representation of "The Joy of Living" she was overcome and the curtain had to be brought down. Although suffering, she finished the performance. Yesterday her physician insisted on her taking a day or two's rest, so she will not reappear until Saturday, when she expects to play in "The Joy of Living" in the afternoon and evening. Owing to her ill health she will give up her engagement at the Garden on Nov. 8, and will use the Saturday day.

Sir Henry Irving comes to Charles Frohman yesterday that he will come to America under the latter's management a year hence. Mr. Frohman immediately set aside three weeks for him at the Broadway, and set to work making out a tour. Sir Henry, who will sail in the "Dante," which leaves for New York on Oct. 25, will not bring a repertoire, but only "Dante," the tragedy that Victorian Sardou has just finished for him. Lawrence Irving is not at work in the English translation, and Sir Henry will produce it most elaborately at the London Adelphi in February. It has parts for Edouard Goulet, Colette, Lotius and others.

Mr. Frohman was busy on another 1903-04 tour yesterday. This one is for William Gillette, who will continue in "Sherlock Holmes" and the season of "The Sign of the Cross" at the Knickerbocker the last week in October in "Hamlet."

Paul Arthur, the American actor of London reputation, had to deal with a manuscript of "The Altar of Friendship," which he intends producing there. Madeleine Lavinie Ryley wrote it for John Mason, who produced it in London a year ago. But he was unable to make it go, and when Mrs. Ryley regained possession she sold it to Mr. and Mrs. N. Goodwin, who are using it in a tour through the States. It is well known in London as a dramatic success. Mr. N. Goodwin produced her "An American Citizen" there, and "Christophers," which John Barrymore and Madeleine Lavinie Ryley were acting in London under the title of "Jedburgh, Jr." But her best luck there has been with "Miss and Men," which is now being acted in London and starring Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Robertson, the latter Mrs. Goodwin's sister and an intimate friend of Mrs. Ryley, are acting in it. When George F. Elliott married M. Robertson the dramatist left her mother, the actress, Annie Russell, John Mason and Mrs. G. H. Gilbert will have the principal parts. It is now being acted in London in January. Miss Russell acted in one of Mrs. Ryley's plays, "The Mysterious Mr. Bugle," with Joseph Holland and Guy Standing at the Lyceum years ago.

FLAME DANCER SUES.

Says Gilmore and Tompkins Mustn't Trick Themselves in Her Beams.

Ida May Fuller, the dancer, began yesterday in the United States Circuit Court a suit against Frank McKee, manager of Ramsay Morris's play, "The Ninety and Nine," now running at the Academy of Music, and Edward G. Gilmore and Eugene Tompkins, lessees of the house. She asks a temporary injunction restraining the defendants from making use of a flame simulating device of fan-driven ribbons and colored lights of which the complainant says she is the inventor and owner.

BURGERS RAID GERMANTOWN.

Midland Railway Finds Another Tortuous Way to Port Richmond.

The Midland Railway Company, which operates cars through the interior of Staten Island, and which on Monday last withdrew its cars on the Port Richmond branch from the Clove road and started a new route over the Richmond turnpike, much to the dissatisfaction of the commuters yesterday made another change. The transfer station at Tompkinsville was discontinued and another one established at Sunnyside. Now to go to Port Richmond, Stapleton or Tompkinsville one must take the Richmond car to Sunnyside, where transfers are issued for a shuttle car which runs from the car barn to Sunnyside, over the Clove road, and then make another transfer for the Port Richmond car.

VILLAGE BOARD FEARS TRACK UP.

Oak Hill Officials Stop the Seizure of a Public Street.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30. The Oak Park village board, reinforced by the police, yesterday resolved itself into a section gang and went out to wreck an offending road. While the board was in session a number of excited citizens rushed into the council chamber and reported that a gang of workmen had laid a double track across Oak Park avenue at Park street, and that the workmen were employees of the Metropolitan Railway Company, the citizens said. The president of the board, Allen S. Ray, jumped to his feet.

DYNAMITE FOR GAMBLER'S DOOR.

Jerome Doesn't See Any Sense in Armed Intrusion.

District Attorney Jerome's attention was called yesterday to the defendant's intrusion that have recently been built about the house in West Thirty-third street that Frank Farrell says he does not own. "O, dear, why do you get excited?" asked Mr. Jerome. "If you get evidence against the place, you can get it out of the hands of the owner, when it is raided, if the place is so strongly protected and all the streets guarded? A private party could keep gamblers inside of a gambling hall, wouldn't it be in much of a hurry to get inside and besides, if the party should have a search warrant, they could get out, and besides, if they had had to use dynamite, it would have been the owner of the property."

LEAD ABOUT HIS BEAVER.

Fremantle's Anxiety for the Roll of Merit Leads to His Trial.

Fremantle William E. Purdy of Truck was up before Fire Commissioner Stungis yesterday on charges of having made a false application to be placed on the roll of merit. He had received a salary of \$12,000 of his company that he had received. Mrs. Fannie Martineau from the attic of the house at 179 West Fourth street during a fire there, and he was charged with placing on the department's roll of merit. An investigation showed that the woman was really rescued by Thomas Kelly of the department, but that Purdy, who was guilty and the commissioner reserved decision in the matter.

Miss Gould Holds a Public Reception in North.

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 30.—Miss Helen M. Gould had a public reception at the Naval Y. M. C. A. rooms here this afternoon. It was attended by thousands of citizens. This evening a great audience assembled at the Episcopal Church to listen to formal addresses from distinguished men at a meeting in aid of the project she espoused and in honor of her.

Parlarian Newsstands for Brooklyn.

Plans for three newsstands which Public Works Commissioner Redford wants erected in front of the Hall of Records and Municipal Building in Brooklyn have been struck and instantly killed yesterday by an east-bound passenger train as he was crossing the Pennsylvania Railroad tracks near the Marion station.

SAID CURATE MADE HIM MARRY.

LOCKING HIM IN THE CHURCH AT NIGHT, WITH THREATS.

Kimmel Pitched the Story So Strong That the Curate Came to Court to Contest It and Spotted an Amusement Suit Whereupon the Bride Fainted.

After listening for more than an hour yesterday to what he characterized as the "improbable" story of August Kimmel, 23 years old, Justice Scott refused to annul Kimmel's marriage to Lydia Schurman, performed on June 27, 1900, by the Rev. Clarence M. Dunham, a curate of Calvary Episcopal Church, in the presence of the Rev. Alexander W. Bostwick, vicar of the church. Kimmel alleged that he had been compelled through a conspiracy between the girl and the Rev. Mr. Dunham to marry Miss Schurman. His story, as told on the stand, was to the effect that he had met Miss Schurman in 1898, and had flirted with her. They became friends and "kept company," but he had no immediate idea of marriage.

On June 27, 1900, he said, the Rev. Mr. Dunham called at his home and told him Miss Schurman had been taken to the vicarage with a complaint. Mr. Dunham asked Kimmel to call at the church and meet her there that night, and added, said Kimmel, that if her story were true, it was the young fellow's duty to marry her. If he did not, he would be arrested and the girl's father would probably shoot him. Kimmel continued that he went to the church and learned there from the curate and the vicar that he was to marry her that night. He begged for time, but was met with the threat that he would not be let out of the church all night, and he renewed his promise of marriage. At length he gave in when it was nearing midnight, but when Mr. Dunham went out for a witness, Kimmel tried the doors and found them locked.

"You're pretty foxy," remarked Miss Schurman, to which Kimmel replied by repeating that he wanted a tight-fitting plain princess gown with a yoke having the bottom flared and with hand embroidery around the neck and sleeves. They put the embroidery below the bust line and, of course, I could not appear on the street with such a garment. The waist was too bulky in the chest, that the body and the sleeves were too large and there was too much padding about the hips.

MILKING TIME AT THE BATTERY.

Free Milk From a Cow Which Was Held Up at Liberty Island Ferry.

A Holstein cow with udders heavy with milk was among a herd of cattle from the West that arrived at the foot of West Sixth street yesterday morning. Thomas McCabe of the Battery, who has been deputized by the army officers on Liberty Island to buy a cow to supply their mess with milk, bought the Holstein and sent her down in charge of "Pete the Scot," a cow puncher.

Pete and the cow got to the Battery at 11 A. M. Pete found that the Liberty Island boat was laid up for repairs and he tethered the cow to the hind wheel of a truck. The only way to the island over Liberty Island was by way of the army propeller Co. Hancock and the little "Cannon" yacht, plying between Governors and Liberty Islands. The yacht was scheduled to start on its round trip at 10 o'clock, so the cow had to wait.

She needed milking and appeared to be in pain. A dozen or more philanthropists who came out near the Battery gathered about the Holstein and sympathized with her. A boatman who said he knew how to milk a cow suggested that he should milk the Holstein. Pete the Scot was told him to go ahead. He got a stool from the Ship News office and went to work milking the Holstein. He says there is a jiffy. Several Battery boatmen handed "growlers" to him and he pumped them full. Mary Jane, the apple woman, brought her cart coffee can and soon had it overflowing.

The news of the milking spread and pitchers, pans, tin cups and cans were being taken to the Battery. A milk pail was brought from Whitehall street and a bottle of milk was taken to the Battery. The milk was put in a milk pail. Pete said it was against army regulations and the battery was not allowed to take milk. Milk and his whiskey bottle unceremoniously.

NEW JERSEY CLUB WOMEN MEET.

Partisans Are Working to Control the Election of New President Today.

The eighth annual convention of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, which opened yesterday morning in the historic Old Bergen Reformed Church, Bergen and Highland avenues, Jersey City, was attended by nearly 700 club women from all parts of the State. The greatest point of interest is, of course, the election of a president. Yesterday was devoted to reports and speaking, but today the ballots will be cast for a presiding officer for the ensuing year. Mrs. Stewart Hartshorne, who has been the president of the organization for two years, will pass out of office, and either Miss Mary McKee or Mrs. Albert O. Field, who are the only presidential candidates, will be chosen to take her place. Miss McKee has been twice elected president of the Women's Club of Camden, and Mrs. Field has presided over its sister body in Orange. It is the wish of the organization to elect a woman who is active, aggressive and efficient. Both sides are working hard, and last night each was content with a few words.

ROSS-FENTON COACH BURNED.

Many Pictures Lost—About 300 Persons Reveled in Coast Wins.

ASHBURY PARK, N. J., Oct. 30.—Ashbury Park people revelled in free champagne and costly wines from the Ross-Fenton wine cellar. The reason for this was a fire that totally consumed the Ross-Fenton cottage, but left the contents of the wine cellar. About three hundred enjoyed the treat.

Alleged "Wire Tappers" Freed.

Edward Morton, one of the men arrested as participants in a wire-tapping swindle on Wednesday afternoon, was arraigned before Justice Mayor, sitting as a Magistrate at Court of Special Sessions, yesterday afternoon, and discharged for lack of evidence. William Brown and Thomas Maguire, who were arrested at the same time, were recharged, as no complaint was lodged against them.

PRINCESS GOWN PUZZLES HIM.

Justice Rasquin Anxious to Know Why American Women Wear It.

Miss Elizabeth Dinmore, a Fifth avenue dressmaker, sued Dr. Frederick Wunderlich of 166 Breen street, Brooklyn, in the Yorkville Municipal Court, yesterday for \$150 for a gray cloth princess gown and a pink India silk waist which the dressmaker made for the defendant's wife.

Lawyer Blumenthal for the defendant asked that the case be dismissed, on the ground that Justice Bischoff of the Supreme Court had ruled that in order for a husband to recover from his wife he must appear that the goods were furnished on the husband's credit, and where the wife has independent means the tradesman cannot recover from the husband. Justice William Rasquin, Jr., of Jamaica, who presided for Justice Joseph, who is ill, said he would consider the ruling, but he wanted to hear the merits of the case before him.

Miss Wunderlich said she had ordered the gown to be made on her own design, but she put course embroidery on the front, the witness declared. "You know, Judge, how course embroidery looks around the bust," she wanted a tight-fitting plain princess gown with a yoke having the bottom flared and with hand embroidery around the neck and sleeves. They put the embroidery below the bust line and, of course, I could not appear on the street with such a garment. The waist was too bulky in the chest, that the body and the sleeves were too large and there was too much padding about the hips.

She said she told the dressmaker not to send the bill to her husband, but to charge it to her personal account. For other garments made by the dressmaker she had paid her bill. "Can't you wear the dress in the society in which you move?" his Honor asked. "Why, no, I would appear in a ridiculous light."

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Charles A. Becker, who obtained the contract for supplying the city with illuminated street signs to be set upon electric and gas lampposts, complained to President Carter yesterday that he was unable to go ahead with his work because of the delay of the Municipal Art Commission in passing upon the signs he has contracted to deliver. The commission has approved of the iron framework of the signs and also of the signs to be used, but he says there is a difference of opinion as to the length of the letters which the signs should bear. As the commission will not meet again until Nov. 11, he is seriously impeded in his work.

Mr. Carter told the contractor that if he could get the assurance of the Commission that his bills would be paid, he would be justified in proceeding with the manufacture of his signs without waiting for the action of the Municipal Art Commission. Should the contractor fail to get such an assurance from the Commission, Mr. Carter will take steps to have the commission call a special meeting.

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