CONVENTION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

DEBATE AS TO THE NUMBER OF FEDERATION DIRECTORS.

Could Even Fifteen Directors Manage Eight Thousand Ladies? Is Asked—Is Superintendent Maxwell a Benevolent Despot or the Other Kind?

The New York City Federation of Women's Clubs opened its third annual convention yesterday morning in Brooklyn. Most of the day was spent in the discussion of the number of members to be included in the board of directors. Thirteen had originally been chosen, including the officers of the federation and five committee members. Mrs. Doré Lyon became superstitious and the number was reduced to twelve. Mrs. Priscilla D. Hackenstaff objected.

"Ladies," she said, "where will you get fifteen women together for the sole purpose of transacting business? It is absurd to have more than eight. Well, we will say nine."

It had been proposed to make the number fifteen. Mrs. Belle Gray Taylor demanded to know just how many women were represented in the New York City Federation.

"Eight thousand, ladies," said Mrs. Lyon. "Eight thousand and more to come."

"Eight thousand women should not be governed by eight or nine women," declared Mrs. Taylor. "I protest for one."

Mrs. Harry Hastings got the floor.

"Madame Chairman, kindly inform me how you will get fifteen directors out of only eleven officers and committee women. It is just a little bit of arithmetic we ought first to settle."

Mrs. Trow, president of Post Parliament, rose and said:

"Madam Chairman, I would like to inform the ladies that it is not at all necessary for us to have fifteen directors to begin with. The incorporating papers should read 'not more than fifteen directors.' We can begin with as many or as few as we desire."

"We ought to have all we can get," said a lady with a rose colored bonnet. "Eight thousand women should have not less than fifty managers."

"Nonsense," said Mrs. Hastings, "fifteen should be enough, if we can arrange it."

"But suppose all fifteen women are not there?" asked a Brooklyn woman, "can we transact any business?"

"A quorum can always act," said Mrs. Trow scornfully.

"All right, then," said the Brooklyn woman, "if you will count our president in the quorum."

Mrs. Bell de Rivera made a motion that the federation indorse the new "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals." She made a tear-raising plea for "the poor neglected little things," and won her point.

In the midst of a school problem discussion Mrs. Allison demanded that a letter from the federation be sent to Gov. Odell asking him to veto the Remsen gas bill. "All gas bills are atrocious," she sad, "but this one is unspeakable."

"You may discuss all those things after 5 o'clock," said Mrs. Doré Lyon.

Miss Margaret Haley, a prominent woman educator, then gave the address of the day on educational conditions and problems. Miss Haley had some things to say about Supt. Maxwell.

"You have in this city a one man power," said Miss Haley, "I don't care whether he's a benevolent despot or the other kind. I rather prefer the other kind. You have no progress in your schools. You are coming to a standstill. You have no originality, no humanity, no Americanism. You—you women—must fight for your teachers. They cannot fight for themselves.

"I wish I could tell you about a little teacher I met last night. She is one of the sweetest little women in the world. I wish she was free to go from house to house and tell what she knows about New York city schools. A New York teacher cannot be a human being. She must be a martinet. She must be nothing but a machine. They are killing and crushing the life out of the little children. They are obliged to leave all feeling outside the schools when they enter the door. All humanity is gone out of your schools. There is no longer a fixed human relation between the pupil and the teacher. You bring some man from the outside to make your courses for your schools. Your teachers have not as much voice in the matter as the American Book Company. Your course of drawing is put in by the man who makes the drawing books. Your music is run by the man who is interested personally in the matter."

Joseph Haniphy, a principal of a Brooklyn school, spoke on the educational influence of playgrounds. Mr. Haniphy advocated more study and less play. He said there was more crime in the districts where there are playgrounds for the children than there are in other quarters. He declared that juvenile crime was increasing where there are public playgrounds and said that he did not make the statement "as a reason, but as a fact."

Mrs. Benedict said that she was "inspired to speak by Miss Haley's address," and her inspiration prompted her to ask the club women to go home and demand, on the pain of terrible retribution, that their husbands, brothers, sons and sweethearts lift the schools out of the slime of New York politics.

SCOOTED CARD SHARPS ABOARD.

Fast Spring Run of the Big Kronprinz—Passengers of All Sorts She Had.

The North German Lloyd's crack steamship Kronprinz Wilhelm, in yesterday from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, made the fine run, considering the spring bluster afloat, of 5 days 20 hours and 40 minutes from Cherbourg at an average hourly speed of 22.30 knots. It was said by some of the cabin passengers who frequented the smoking room that eight professional gamblers, including the high pirate of poker Doc Owens were aboard, and that they did only a small business before they were discovered and a notice posted by Capt. Richter warning card players to look out for themselves.

The Doc was not seen by the customs men or the reporters to leave the ship. Among the Kronprinz's passengers were:

Mrs. Leiter and Miss Daisy Leiter, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Dyer, Jr., Col. D. M. Lumsden, James Watson, W. H. Hollander, C. P. Stewart, W. H. van den Toorn, Mr. and Mrs. W. Watts Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gilman Miller, Stanley Mortimer, Edward H. Kidder, Edward S. Isham, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. W. Hartwig, B. H. M. Hewitt, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gates, Mrs. C. G. Francklyn, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Deming, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Conkling, Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon Crawford, C. W. Chapin and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bradley.

The Seagoers.

Voyagers by the White Star liner Majestic off to-day for Queenstown and Liverpool:

Michael Davitt, Mr. and Mrs. George Dunlap Russell, Mr. and Mrs. John Milton Dillon, Leo Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. James Carnegan, A. H. Hollingsworth, John R. Keene, P. F. Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Riggs, Chauncey Blair Spears, W. A. Taylor and J. Allen Swanson.

Aboard the Cunard liner Slavonia, which sailed yesterday for Mediterranean ports and Trieste, are:

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Colman, Henry J. Conant, Gilbert Fraser, British Consul at Baltimore, H. R. Loomis, James Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. B. Stapler, Mrs. Joseph T. Thompson, Baroness Von Veltheim, Col. William Wyndham, British Consul at Boston, and R. A. Young.

Passengers by the Scandinavian liner Hellig Olav, which departs to-day for Copenhagen:

Mrs. C. W. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sudeman, Capt. A. E. Bianchi, Mrs. Paul C. Lindblad and Dr. Ingeborg Rasmussen.

Arrivals by the Atlantic Transport liner Mesaba, in yesterday from London:

Henry Allendorf, W. A. Clayton, Mrs. D. W. Macy, Mrs. Sumner R. Mead, Robert Osborne and H. A. Wheeler.

NOT YET MRS. MORSE.

Another Court Decision in the Tangled Affairs of the Banker and Mrs. Dodge.

Supreme Court Justice Davis declined yesterday to grant Charles W. Morse's application to have vacated the interlocutory decree which Mrs. Morse obtained in December last annulling her marriage to him. No one could be found yesterday who could determine exactly whether the woman who married Morse after she had divorced Charles F. Dodge is Mrs. Morse or Mrs. Dodge, or whether she is neither, but Clemence Cowles, which was her maiden name.

Miss Cowles married Charles F. Dodge in 1889. Nine years later she divorced him, and in 1901 she married Morse. In 1903 Dodge had the divorce she obtained set aside as fraudulent, and then in December last she had her marriage to Morse annulled.

That decree of annulment was interlocutory and would not become permanent for three months. Before that time the Dodge divorce was reopened, and recently Justice Truax set aside the judgment Dodge obtained.

By the time this proceeding was closed Mrs. Morse had gone to Paris. Morse's counsel, Guggenheimer, Untermyer & Marshall, then asked Justice Davis to set aside the interlocutory annulment decree, so that the woman should be lawfully Mrs. Charles W. Morse. In that application ex-Justice Fursman, of counsel for Mrs. Morse, joined, though admitting that he had received no instructions from his client, because of her absence in Europe.

Justice Davis says in his decision:

I am not satisfied that the plaintiff (Mrs. Dodge-Morse) is fully represented in this motion. According to the papers submitted, she is out of the country, and the learned counsel upon whom the papers were served disclaims any special authority to consent to the vacating of the interlocutory judgment of divorce. Nor is there any proof that she has knowledge of the application. Under the circumstances I must deny this motion.

The three months after which the decree might be made absolute have elapsed long ago, and it needs only Mrs. Morse's consent to have the absolute judgment entered.

Mr. Morse's lawyers said yesterday that Mrs. Morse will now be asked to give her consent to the vacating of the judgment.

JOHN BAUMGAERTNER DEAD.

Proprietor of Military Hall in Williamsburg—Death Sudden.

While getting ready last night to attend the theatre party of the Limit Club of Williamsburg to the Gayety Theatre, John Baumgaertner, the proprietor of Military Hall, at Leonard and Scholes streets, suddenly died. Nearly all the three hundred and fifty members of the club and their friends who were to have participated in a march from the hall to the theatre were present and a brass band was also on hand. Only a few of the club members went to the theatre. The band was dismissed.

Arrangements had been made for a feast in the large dining room after the theatre. As all the cooking for the affair had been finished it was decided that the dinner should be served, but without the usual speeches. It was presided over by William Miller, the president of the club.

Mr. Baumgaertner was born in Williamsburg nearly fifty years ago. His father, who died in 1872, built Military Hall, which is one of the old landmarks of Williamsburg and which has been the scene of many memorable Democratic conventions and other gatherings. Mr. Baumgaertner weighed more than three hundred and fifty pounds and was apparently in good health. He had a spell of dizziness yesterday morning, but he thought nothing of it.

ALBERT V. BRETT DEAD.

Taken From His Room to Hospital With Supposed Ptomaine Poisoning.

Albert Vail Brett of Matteawan, treasurer of the Eureka Cement Company, which has offices in this city at 1 Madison avenue, died in the New York Hospital Monday night, a few hours after he had been brought there unconscious from his lodgings at 208 West Twenty-first street. The ambulance surgeon diagnosed the case as ptomaine poisoning. The death certificate says meningitis. Mr. Brett roomed with George Angell at the Twenty-first street house. He became ill late on Sunday night and Dr. James R. Graham diagnosed the case as ptomaine poisoning. Brett said he had eaten shad roe and had been ill afterward. The next day Dr. Graham found Brett in convulsions that suggested kidney disease. Then he was taken to the hospital.

JOHN K. COWEN DEAD.

Was Formerly President of the B. and O. Railroad.

CHICAGO, April 26.—John K. Cowen, former president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, died at 12:30 o'clock this morning after a long illness at the home of his sisters, Mrs. Minor T. Ames and Mrs. A. H. Seelye, in this city. He was born in Millersburg, Ohio, in 1844, and was graduated from Princeton University, of which he was for many years a trustee. At one time he represented a Maryland district in Congress. In 1872 he became president of the Baltimore and Ohio and afterward for twenty years was general counsel for the company.

Obituary Notes.

Carroll Livingston for many years prominent in yachting and racing circles, died yesterday at 11 o'clock at his residence, 222 West Forty-fifth street. He was 72 years old and was born in Livingston, Livingston county, N. Y. His father was Carroll Livingston, a well known banker, with whom he was associated in business. In the days when judges at the race course were not paid Mr. Livingston was a familiar figure on the judges' stand. He had retired from business life forty years ago, and his time was given to outdoor sports, hunting, riding and driving. His funeral will be held at the Church of the Heavenly Rest, Fifth avenue, near Forty-fifth street, on Thursday, at 10 o'clock, and the body will be interred in Woodlawn Cemetery in the afternoon. Mr. Livingston left a widow, who was Miss Helen M. Cornwall, daughter of Charles R. Cornwall. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, the Sons of the Revolution, the Union Club and the New York Yacht Club.

Gen. Joseph Dickinson, the last of the Adjutants-General of the Army of the Potomac during the civil war, and a gallant and distinguished soldier, died at his home in Washington yesterday in the seventy-fourth year of his age. He was born in Philadelphia of French parents, was educated in the public schools of that city and began a business career. At the outbreak of the war he enlisted in the Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers as a private, was commissioned First Lieutenant March 27, 1861, and was commissioned Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General in August of the same year. The following August he was commissioned Major, and in November was made a Lieutenant-Colonel. He resigned in January, 1864, by reason of disability. He participated in twenty battles and was wounded five times.

Herman Heyman, 73 years old, president of the Congregation Adath Emuno of Hoboken, was stricken with heart disease in the synagogue at 637 Garden street, that city, yesterday while notifying Mrs. William Barmeyer, the janitress, that the board of trustees had decided to pay her $10 extra for her work. He died before a physician arrived. Mr. Heyman was a real estate and insurance broker. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Albert S. Sculler.

Asa W. Twitchell, a portrait painter and a lifelong friend of the late Erastus Dow Palmer, the sculptor, whom he survived only two months, died in Albany yesterday. He was self educated in his profession. He was born in Swanzey, N. H., in 1820, and went to Albany in 1843.

Benoit Groesbeck, a lineal descendant of Miles Standish, and a cousin of Mrs. Russell Sage, died on Sunday at his apartments in the Clinton, in Philadelphia. Mr. Groesbeck was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Groesbeck, who were among the earliest residents of Cincinnati. He was born in Kentucky.

Charles H. Bass, president of the Florencedale Coal Company, died on Monday, at his home 300 Union street, Brooklyn, in his seventy-eighth year. He was formerly active in Republican politics in South Brooklyn. He was a member of the Society of Old Brooklynites. Two daughters survive him.

Mother Justine, Superioress of the Order of Mount Carmel, died yesterday at Carencro aged 68. She was born in France, her name being Francoise Boucheo. She entered the Order of Mount Carmel forty-seven years ago, and was stationed at New Orleans for forty-five years.

WOMAN GOT ROTHSCHILD LOOT

SAYS LAWYER FOR GLOBE SECURITY CREDITORS.

She Has Disregarded Subpœna and Disappeared—Miss Heaney Weeps Over the Safes in the Precious Tin Vault, but Still Forgets Combinations.

Catherine Heaney, the cashier of the Globe Security Company, was taken yesterday into the company's tin vault in the American Tract Society Building and asked again to open the three safes there. All she did was to burst into tears as she looked around its tin walls and insist again that she couldn't remember the combinations. The memoranda of them she tore up the day she was subpœnaed in the bankruptcy proceeding.

When asked if experts couldn't be hired to open the safes if it was really supposed to be worth while, one of those interested said yesterday that the safes might be damaged, with the result of diminishing the value of the assets. The memoranda of combinations found among Rothschild's effects by Assistant District Attorney Kresel will probably be lent to the receiver's counsel in the course of time.

Miss Heaney was questioned again yesterday before United States Commissioner Alexander, the principal result being more legal expenses. Her lawyer, R. N. Waite, asked her to explain how she came to tear up the combinations, which was in her pocketbook. "Well," said the girl, "I clear out my pocketbook every month or so, and I simply decided to clear it out that morning." At the time she did this, she said, there was no thought in her mind of the subpœna with which she had just been served. She had completely forgotten it. After clearing her pocketbook she came to Manhattan and went to the office of William Martin at 229 Broadway. Her purpose in going to see Martin, the girl said, was simply to get advice, as she thought she needed a lawyer.

"Didn't you know he was an attorney for the company?" asked Mr. Meyers, for the creditors. The girl said that she didn't, and that she didn't remember having told him that she had torn up the paper. As to Mr. Waite, she said she had never met him until he came and told her he was going to represent her.

Miss Heaney said she never knew anything about the construction of the vault until she entered it yesterday morning.

"That was the first you knew of its steel construction in the rear," asked Mr. Myers.

"I never examined what it was made of before," said the girl, who went on to say that the books and papers were in the safes when she last knew anything about them and that Muirhead and a girl named Daly, another cashier, also had the combinations.

Miss Heaney was told to appear again on Thursday, when Judge Holt will decide whether or not she ought to be punished for contempt.

On her examination yesterday Miss Heaney was asked if she knew anything about the firms of "J. Gould," "Gould & Co." and "Clark & Barrett." She said she didn't. It was explained later by counsel for the receiver that a lot of mail has been arriving for these firms at the Globe offices. The offices of the firms were the little cell-like rooms discovered by the receiver the day the "vault" was opened.

"These firms," said Mr. Brewster, counsel for the receiver, "were apparently part of the outfit. Some borrowers were told to apply to one or the other of them and directed to the proper office. The borrower made out his note to the firm and got the loan from the company. That enabled them to have a lot of separate bank accounts and exchange notes for discounting purposes."

According to Lawyer Goldsmith, of counsel for the creditors, a lot of money raised on discounted notes went to a woman, who has disappeared.

"We have information," said he, "that this money was turned over to her regularly. This woman failed to obey a subpœna and is in contempt of court. We think she is in Atlantic City. Some of the notes so discounted were taken from among the collateral held to secure the Globe company's bonds and nothing was ever substituted for them."

All the evidence so far collected against David Rothschild was submitted to the Grand Jury yesterday. That body is expected to hand down to-day an indictment for grand larceny on two counts. It was said yesterday that unless Rothschild agrees to plead guilty to these, other indictments will be found against him.

CURING SPINAL MENINGITIS.

Report on the Successful Use of Lysol Injections.

The epidemic of cerebro-spinal meningitis, or "spotted fever" as it is popularly called, continues in the city as well as up the State with no apparent sign of decrease. In fact, physicians do not look for a very marked falling off in the number of cases reported until warm weather is permanently established.

The doctors are giving a great deal of study to the disease just now and much interest was awakened by a paper recently read before the Academy of Medicine by Dr. Morris Manges, attendant physician at Mount Sinai Hospital, on the experiments with lysol.

His treatment consists of an intraspinal injection of lysol, a cleansing, disinfecting preparation from coal tar somewhat similar to carbolic acid. The treatment, although a new one, is not original with Dr. Manges, having been used in England with results that are considered very encouraging. Dr. Manges refused yesterday to discuss his own experience with the lysol treatment further than to refer to an abstract of his paper read before the academy.

In this paper Dr. Manges said that the customary methods of treatment for cerebro-spinal meningitis had had little effect upon the mortality, which in the epidemic form is estimated at from 20 to 75 per cent. We were indebted to Seager for a new method of treatment consisting of a lumbar puncture and the withdrawal from the spinal canal of varying quantities of cerebro-spinal fluid, the watery fluid secreted by the membranes covering the brain and spinal column. Artificial serum was then injected with the same syringe, the needle being left in the position it occupied when the puncture was made. Then a quantity of a 1 per cent. solution of lysol was injected through the same instrument and the needle was withdrawn. In successful experiments the temperature of the patient fell immediately, but after one or two days rose again, when the puncture and injections were repeated and so on until only a white, clear limpid fluid was withdrawn after puncture and then the injections were stopped.

Two cases came under Dr. Manges's observation and in neither of these did he confirm Seager's statements as to the extreme painfulness of the operation. One case was that of an adult, the other a child. As to the adult Dr. Manges says that he could not state whether the patient would have recovered without the lysol treatment or not. Sporadic cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis in adults frequently are not fatal and this was such a case, although prior to the injection the patient was losing ground. After the first injection he held his own and after the second his recovery was rapid.

In the case of the child there was no such uncertainty. The child's condition at the time the first injection was given was desperate. It was believed that death would ensue before morning. Immediately after the injection there was an improvement and continued injections were followed by complete recovery. In both cases the operations were performed without anæsthetics except that in the case of the child there was a slight use of chloroform. Neither patient complained of pain under the operation.

SHOT MUSIC HALL SINGER.

Steamship Fireman Could Give No Reason—Said He Loved Her.

Adeline Buettner, a concert hall singer, 26 years old, who, with her sister, Mrs. Effie Norton, has been living at 639 Monroe street, Brooklyn, was shot in the left shoulder early yesterday morning at Gates and Reid avenues by Gustav Suigbusch, a German, 28 years old, who then shot himself in the left side. Suigbusch, who was last employed as a fireman on the steamship Pretoria, first met Miss Buettner in a Hoboken music hall a week ago. The young woman was much annoyed at the manner in which Suigbusch was staring at her from a front seat. He was in the same hall again on Friday night, and attempted to talk to her as she was leaving the place by the stage door.

Miss Buettner had her sister accompany her to the music hall on Saturday night. Suigbusch was there and afterward he forced his attentions on the two women. They succeeded in eluding him at the Park row entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge.

Suigbusch had Henry Helmke, also a steamship fireman, accompany him to the music hall on Monday night. The women on that occasion accepted an invitation to dinner, and early yesterday morning, after the dinner, the four set out for Brooklyn. On alighting from a car at Gates and Reid avenues, the women informed Suigbusch and Helmke that they desired to go to their home, a block distant, alone. Helmke walked off, but Suigbusch insisted upon going with Miss Buettner and her sister. The women stopped and reproached the sailor for not going about his business. Suigbusch became angry, and as the women turned to go toward their home he drew a revolver and advancing toward Miss Buettner fired at her. She fell with a scream. The screams of her sister brought Policeman Shuttleworth. Before he reached the scene Suigbusch had turned the revolver on himself and sent a bullet into his left side under the heart. He is in a critical condition. Miss Buettner's wound is not so bad. She informed the policeman that Suigbusch seemed madly infatuated with her, and had tried to kill her because she refused to permit him to go to her house. Suigbusch, on reaching a hospital, said feebly that he loved Miss Buettner, but had no deliberate intention of taking her life.

LITTLE GIRL ACCUSER.

Five-Year-Old's Story Convicts Four Small Boys of Highway Robbery.

Rosie Greenwald, 5 years old, pretty and precocious, told a story in the Children's Court yesterday morning that convicted four small boys of highway robbery.

When the little girl took the stand, Policeman Keating had to lift her into the high chair. Before her stood the four boys, Harry and Jacob Goldstein, Isidor Kaplan and Abe Winter. Rosie was asked to tell her story.

"My mamma went downtown," began the tiny accuser, "and when she comed back she had heaps of money. She went back to the dining room and put her bag on the table, and then she counted her money. Then she went out and left me alone by myself. All the other children on our block was playin' out on the streets, and I fought I'd show 'um how much money my mamma had. Then when I went out on the' block an' wus showin' all that money to some other girls, them boys——"

"What boys? Name them, said the Court.

"I never played with 'um," said Rosie. "I dunno their names, but this is them. Well, they come crowdin' 'round me."

"Well, what did the boys do?" asked the Court.

"They snatched the money and the pocketbook away from me and then they runned away."

"Are you sure those are the same boys?" demanded the attorney for the boys.

"Cross my heart and hopes t' die," said Rosie.

Officer Murphy, who arrested the boys from Rosie's description, told the Court that when he arrested the boys, he found them dividing the money, $17. The purse had been thrown away. The boys were put on the stand and Isidor Kaplan weakened under Justice Olmsted's examination and corroborated the little girl's testimony. The boys were remanded until Friday for sentence.

JIMMY BRITT IN TOWN.

Young Corbett's Conqueror Here and Willing to Fight Denver Man Again.

Jimmy Britt, the conqueror of Young Corbett and aspirant for lightweight honors, arrived in town last night from Chicago. He was accompanied by his brother, Billy, a bright and affable young man, who will look out for Jimmy's affairs while in the East. The pair after leaving the depot put up at the Hotel Bartholdi, where they will remain while in New York.

After his arrival, Britt and his brother Billy visited the hotels on Broadway, where the sports congregated. The pugilist was pleased with his reception.

Britt is not here to do any fighting. Brother Billy declares that Jimmy is simply here on business combined with pleasure. Britt, the fighter, did not have much to say regarding his plans. He allowed his manager to do all the talking.

"We have come to see the great city of New York," said Billy Britt to the SUN reporter, "and I must say what little we have seen of it is the real spot. Now, as to what my brother intends to do, I will say that he is ready to fight Corbett again. And what is more, he will not tackle any one else until he has met and whipped the lad from Denver. We have concluded to do this because of the hubbub and talk Corbett raised after the fight. He declared he was robbed and all that, which any one who saw the battle knows is not so.

"Corbett never landed a hard blow on Britt, and what is more, Jimmy did not run away when they were coming. He took them all, as Corbett knows. He also outpointed Corbett and would have knocked him out in another round.

"As to Britt being laid up after the fight, that is not so. Jimmy did fracture his elbow in that mill, and it is still sore. I don't think it will be all right for at least a month. In the meantime we will play a few dates and enjoy ourselves.

"However, should Corbett refuse to entertain a match, Britt will be ready to meet anybody in the world at 127 pounds."

GOV. ODELL IN ALBANY.

Busy Examining the Bills Passed Affecting Corporations.

ALBANY, April 26.—Gov. Odell returned to Albany to-night. He went at once to the Executive Mansion, where, by previous arrangement, all pending bills affecting corporations had been taken for his private consideration. The Governor refused to be interviewed, sending out word that he was busy looking over the Remsen Gas bill and other measures upon which hearings have been requested.

Stewart Hartshorn

Hartshorn Shade Rollers

Wood Rollers. Tin Rollers.

The genuine has the script signature of Stewart Hartshorn on the label.

The "Improved" requires no tacks.

WANT AN ENDOWED THEATRE

BUT CARNEGIE WILL WASTE HIS MONEY ON LIBRARIES.

National Art Theatre Society Dines and Hands Out Advice to Those With Money to Spend—P. J. Murphy Pokes Fun at His Hosts—J. I. C. Clarke's Hope.

There was a great talkfest at Delmonico's last night in aid of the National Arts Theatre, to be endowed by people who do not care whether anybody is in the theatre or not so long as their plays are produced.

There were a number of successful playwrights present. Also, there were others. The longest drawn out and best sustained note of the evening was that Andrew Carnegie didn't know his job as a philanthropist half well enough.

P. J. Murphy, who has won fame at other dinners this winter as a poker of fun at various august institutions, could not help having a little whack at his hosts. He said he thought that they ought to go down to Wall Street and hang out a sign, "Consulting Philanthropists," and steer lots of money that was going to waste in libraries up among the white lights of Broadway. He suggested that perhaps Wall Street was already contributing as much to the prosperity of the theatre district as it could well afford.

About half of the diners were women. The Rev. Mr. Murphy produced a legend which he said he had culled from the ancient French to the effect that the Lord had on one occasion sent Gabriel down from Heaven to stop a row between Satan and Eve. In irritation the order was given: "Cut off both their heads!" Then the command was rescinded, and ever since, said Mr. Murphy, Satan has been going around acting like a woman, and woman has been going around acting like the devil.

The most enthusiastic and prolonged applause which greeted Mr. Murphy seemed to come from the women, none the less.

Joseph I. C. Clarke ran the talking at the dinner. He is the president of the National Arts Theatre Society. What the society wanted to see produced, he said, were plays that were great literary successes. All the would be playwrights and all the real playwrights, rose and beat the tables in their enthusiasm for this sentiment.

"This society," said Mr. Clarke, "is not going to stidily by, waiting for a philanthropic millionaire to come forward to endow a theatre. It is going to go ahead and endow some sort of a theatre of its own. Millionaires are slavishly imitative. They will follow as soon as the way is shown."

Several persons who have been in the habit of talking like millionaires, but who are given to sliding down a side street when they see the president of their bank coming, looked visibly relieved.

Charles W. Hartridge backed up President Clarke. He said that the Government wasn't any more a necessary part of the support of the society than the millionaires were. The society would show the Government things, he said, without waiting for the Government to appropriate the means wherewith the ghost could be made to walk.

David Bispham read a long piece which purported to be "The Conversations of David the Singer of Philadelphia and Andrew the Crœsus, Held in the Reign of Theodorus, the Strenuous." The general purport of it was that Andrew the Crœsus thought that a more or less divine Providence had put him on earth to build libraries and to leave other forms of money spending alone.

James S. Metcalfe, the secretary of the society, Robert F. Hayres, Emerson McMillin, Bronson Howard, John Brisben Walker, Justices Fitzgerald and O'Gorman, Mrs. Martha Morton Conheim and Herman Klein also spoke.

They all seemed to be sure that there would have to be an endowed theatre some time, because everybody wanted it so much. Mr. Howard said that his reason for being convinced that the thing was coming was that lovely woman had encouraged the project by her presence.

WORE A STOLEN SUIT.

Prisoner, Picked Up by Chance, Had a Jimmy and Thirty-eight Keys.

Policeman Carlin of the East Thirty-fifth street station saw a man coming out of the basement of an apartment house at 151 East Thirtieth street early yesterday morning, and not being satisfied with his explanation took him around to the station house. In his pockets were found a 12-inch jimmy and thirty-eight keys.

The prisoner gave his name as Pierre Marlad, 144 Jeanette street, Montreal.

After Marlad had been remanded for examination in Yorkville court, Detective Winters made a little closer examination of his clothes and found the name, "A. G. Ely," on an inside coat pocket. Winters found that Ely is a broker at 66 Broadway, and went down to see him. Mr. Ely said that the suit of clothes along with about $2,000 worth of other clothing had been stolen from the shop of Bell & Co., tailors, at 48 Broadway, on March 11.

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He was organist in several churches of which his father had been pastor. For several years he had been with the music firm of M. Witmark & Sons. He wrote the songs of Williams and Walker. He recently completed the score of a comic opera. He was a member of the Theatrical Union.

He composed his own funeral sermon, which will be read at the funeral services to be held to-morrow night at the Bethel African M. E. Church, West Twenty-fifth street.

Lieut.-Col. Stokes to Become Colonel.

It is expected that the retirement of Alfred C. Barnes as Colonel of the Twenty-third Regiment, in Brooklyn, will go into effect in a few days. It is the general understanding among the officers of the regiment that Lieut.-Col. William A. Stokes will be elected his successor.

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