

A GRAPHIC LECTURE

Delivered Last Night by the Siberian Traveler, Geo. Kennan, on

"EAST SIBERIAN CONVICT MINES."

The Lecture was Attended by a Large and Intelligent Audience—Some of the Revelations Made by Mr. Kennan—The Press Club Realizes a Considerable Sum.

Mr. George Kennan was, greeted by a large and appreciative audience at the Opera House last night, when he delivered what is probably his best lecture, "The Convict Mines of Eastern Siberia."

He started off with a description of the Russian system of penal servitude, referring more particularly to the eastern part of Siberia. He told of the extreme cold experienced by himself and companions during their expedition, the temperature ranging from 10 to 15 degrees below zero.

The diggings of the valley of the Kara, were described, where a penal settlement is found composed of about one hundred and fifty log cabins. He drove to the house of the governor of the settlement, where he was cordially received, and discovered that there was no convict lodging houses excepting the convicts' huts. As his object was to investigate Siberian cruelties, Kennan did not wish to reside under the roof of the czar's servant, but he gracefully accommodated himself to the situation.

Mr. Kennan's description of the prisons and the treatment accorded the convicts was thrilling and realistic. The terrible and non-sanitary condition of the average Siberian convict prison is not equaled anywhere else, and is a shame to a so-called civilized nation. The convicts in these prisons are packed in great bunks close together, with not as much pure air as is contained in a dry goods box.

He related his attempts to get at and converse with the political prisoners, made difficult by the watchfulness of the governor of the settlement. A week after his arrival he found an opportunity to see some of these convicts to whom he had letters of introduction. The disclosures made by some of these were truly terrible.

The case of Miss Arnsfeldt, at whose cabin he met the political convicts, while his host, the governor of the settlement, was absent, was particularly pathetic. She was sent to Siberia for being merely an eye witness of a murderous attack on the police, and after a term of penal servitude was compelled to become what is known as an "enforced colonist," and was then joined by her mother. The privations endured by those two ladies in the convict settlement, where neither were allowed any communication with friends in Russia, were graphically told of by Mr. Kennan.

He gave many instances of brutal cruelty practiced on the political convicts of that unhappy land, and appeared in the convict dress which he had gathered up from several convicts with whom he had communicated during his stay in Siberia.

The Press club, under whose auspices Mr. Kennan appeared here, realizes a handsome sum from the proceeds of the lecture.

A REMARKABLE MEETING.

Two Men Who Assisted a Convict to Escape Come Together.

In the rooms of the Wheeling Press club last night occurred a most remarkable meeting of two gentlemen, who, while they had never seen each other before, had co-operated in securing the escape of a Russian political prisoner from Siberia to America.

It seemed marvelous to the members who sat around and heard the two men exchange reminiscences, that a man who had given to a prisoner in Siberia a letter of introduction, should meet in the Wheeling Press club the man to whom it was presented in Japan.

One man was George Kennan, who after his lecture at the Opera House last night, was entertained at the press club, and the other was Prof. John M. Birch, a social member of the club.

In his lecture Mr. Kennan referred to one political prisoner who escaped by his aid from Siberia and came to America. Afterwards he met this man in Albany, N. Y. His case was peculiar. He made his way in the hold of a coal boat to Nagasaki, Japan, after passing through Mongolia and China.

The sequel was told by Prof. Birch. He was sitting on a porch of his residence at Nagasaki, Japan, when he was United States consul there, when a man with a peculiar hunted look approached and handed him a letter. It was the letter from George Kennan.

Prof. Birch was not allowed in his position to assist a political refugee, but if the consul's yacht conveyed the man to an American vessel in the harbor, who will object now? He escaped, and is in this country now.

Said Prof. Birch: "He was an educated gentleman, with a university training, and a fine mind and lofty character, but he always acted like a hunted beast. He thought the Russian officers were always at his heels."

It can be imagined that Mr. Kennan and Mr. Birch were even more absorbed in their own reminiscences than were the other members of the club, who were the only persons present.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Acts in the Smith-O'Kane Case and Makes a Partial Settlement With Murray Bros.

The Board of Commissioners met yesterday morning as a Board of Censors for the purpose of acting on a bill of exceptions presented by Mr. H. M. Russell on behalf of Mr. O'Kane in the Smith-O'Kane legislative contest. After the bill had been changed in some particulars at the suggestion of Mr. Hubbard, it was signed by the board.

In the matter of the settlement with the jail contractors, Murray Bros., the latter presented to the Board of Commissioners a paper signed by all but one of the contractors releasing the county from any liability for any amounts due on materials furnished in the construction of the jail. The exception was the iron work contractors, who have not yet settled with Murray Bros. After some controversy the following resolution by Mr. Voellinger was adopted:

Resolved, That the clerk of the Board is authorized to draw and the president of the Board to sign county orders to the amount of \$12,000 on account of the new jail building; said orders shall be drawn in favor of Murray Bros., the contractors; and Trimble & Lutz, B. F. Caldwell, D. C. Kurner, F. H. Lange, John E. Clator & Bro., J. A. Holliday & Son and W. L. Reed. Before any of said sub-contractors shall be paid they shall present a written order from Murray Bros. for such payment and file with the clerk a written release of all claims against the Board of Commis-

sioners for material furnished or labor done on account of the new jail building.

SHE LOVED A NEGRO.

A Young Woman Employed at a Washington, Pa., Hotel Becomes Infatuated with a Negro—Tries to Escape in Wheeling.

Last Sunday night George T. Huffman, of Kingswood, came into the Staunin, registered, and asked when he could get a train for Washington, Pa. The clerk told him he could get a train the next morning at 7:30, on the Baltimore & Ohio.

On Monday night Mr. Huffman returned on the evening train, accompanied by a young lady whom he announced was his daughter. He asked the clerk to bring the register out into the lobby, saying, "I'm afraid she will get away again." The clerk, though somewhat surprised, assured Mr. Huffman he could register for him, which he did. While the old gentleman was talking to the clerk the young woman tried to escape by climbing out the window of the reception room, but was headed off by her father. Later in the evening she made an attempt to escape by the front door, but was again intercepted by her watchful parent.

Later in the evening he had the clerk telephone to police headquarters for an officer, and Officer Jim Croighton was sent around. To the officer Mr. Huffman told the following tale:

About two years ago the young woman went to Washington to work in the Main hotel as a waitress, and until within a few weeks she was evidently getting along all right, but about six weeks ago she

BECAME INFATUATED

with a negro who worked at the hotel. She confided this to another waiter girl, who was amazed and horrified at this revelation, and immediately informed the housekeeper. The latter communicated with her father at Kingswood, who at once went on to Washington, via Wheeling, as related above.

When he confronted his daughter she did not deny her infatuation for the negro, and asserted that she was going to marry him. The father, however, forced her to leave Washington and come here, and on the way she made numerous attempts to escape, and for that reason the father wanted an officer to escort them to the train.

Officer Croighton went to the train with them and saw them safely off.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and about the City.

THE GRAND this evening—Rose Hill Company.

THE BOYS say that the skating on the river is poor.

OPERA HOUSE this evening—"Uncle Tom's Cabin."

OUT at Fulton the natural ice men are cutting a good quality of ice.

REVIVAL services will commence at Wesley M. E. church on the 20th.

THE amount of snow and slush on Wheeling's principal streets is a dirty shame.

THE will of Ferdinand Fredericks, deceased, was admitted to probate yesterday and ordered to be recorded.

ON Monday Henry Heim, a South Sider, was cutting wood, when the hatchet slipped and cut him badly in the right leg below the knee.

A FALSE alarm brought out the chemical engine to a supposed fire at Gruber's cigar store at 11:30 o'clock last night. It was a false alarm.

THE Elks will give a stag social Friday evening in honor of Daniel A. Kelley, the actor who will be at the Grand this week. Mr. Kelley was once grand exalted ruler of the order.

THE December number of The Mount is out, and a very artistic one it is. The photo engraved illustrations are perfect, and the literary quality is also superior. It is from the INTELLIGENCER press.

A DEED made January 12, 1893, by Alexander Huff and wife to George J. Graham for 10 acres and 111 poles in Triadelphia district, consideration \$1,550, was left for record yesterday at Clerk Hook's office.

NUMBERS who attended the Keenan lecture last night were loud in their condemnation of the Opera House management for opening the doors with such a low temperature. The house can surely be heated comfortably, and should be.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

J. H. Ott, of Rymer, is in the city.

James Burns, of Grafton, is in the city.

Dan Kelly, of Sistersville, is a Behler guest.

Geo. S. Hammett, of Salama, is at the Windsor.

John M. Zigler, of Sistersville, was in town last night.

S. W. Joyce, of Parkersburg, is visiting Wheeling friends.

W. H. Nelson, of Middlebourne, is visiting South Side friends.

N. V. Robinson, of Burton, was a Van Keuron arrival yesterday.

J. A. White, of Mt. Pleasant, registered yesterday at the Van Keuron.

T. C. Pipes and G. M. Howard, of Camerons, were in town yesterday.

Mr. George Kennan, who lectured here last night, registered at the McLure.

Engineer Thomas Pottigrew, of the Ohio River railroad, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Dora Carson, of Washington, Pa., is visiting her friend, Miss May Arkie.

Among the West Virginia people at the Behler yesterday were C. H. Traxler and Charles Burkham, of Clarksburg; John Curran and A. Courtrier, of Parkersburg; and F. B. Haller, of Tyrantville Mills.

Frank Lynn, of Belmont, well known throughout the central part of the county and to many persons in this city, died a few days ago at the Wheeling hospital, where he had gone for treatment for gravel.—Beltaire Independent.

Corporation Elections.

The following corporations held their annual elections of directors and officers yesterday:

South Side Bank—R. M. Gilleland, Michael Loftis, F. J. Hearne, W. S. McCollough, Chas. Horstman, H. F. Behrens, W. W. McConnell, William H. Hearne and C. Kalbitzer, directors; president, R. M. Gilleland; vice president, H. F. Behrens; cashier, Charles A. Bowers.

Jefferson Insurance Company—Earl W. Ogley, S. S. Bloch, J. D. Culbertson, J. J. Jones and R. W. Hallsett, directors.

Wheeling Ice and Storage Company—C. P. Brown, J. A. Miller, Dr. L. D. Wilson, Lewis Steenrod, C. W. Conner, R. K. Friend and Julius Pollock, directors.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

MICHAEL REILLY'S WILL.

An Appeal Taken by the Heirs at Law Alleging That

HE WAS NOT OF SOUND MIND

When the Will Was Made—Why the Action Was Not Taken Sooner. Nearly a Million Dollars Involved. The Petition and the Order of the Circuit Court.

A sensation was caused yesterday around the court house by the filing of a petition by the Michael Reilly heirs-at-law, protesting against the admitting to probate of the will of the late Michael Reilly, and appealing to the circuit court for a guardian ad litem for the minors interested in the case.

The matter came up before Judge Campbell yesterday morning, who upon examining into it, directed that an order be entered granting the appeal, and directing the clerk of the circuit court to issue summons to the executors of the will, Rt. Rev. John J. Kain and Rev. John T. Sullivan, and the other interested parties, to appear at the next term of court and answer the appeal.

As will be seen below the petition alleges that Michael Reilly was of unsound mental condition when he executed the will, which it will be remembered after making some minor bequests, placed the estate under the executorship of Revs. Kain and Sullivan, the property not to be divided among the heirs-at-law until the youngest grandchild became of legal age.

One of the heirs of the estate was seen yesterday. In answer to an inquiry as to why the expected contest of the will had been so long delayed, he said that there were many reasons. In the first place the wholesale grocery business was left on the executors' hands. A contest at that time would doubtless have necessitated the placing of the business in the hands of an outsider. This would have sacrificed something of the business.

It was understood and intended all along that the will should be contested, but it was thought best by the heirs that the suit should not be brought until nearly the expiration of the legal limit, one year, in which an appeal may be taken.

At the time the will was offered for probate the heirs were unfortunately nearly all ill, besides being not financially in a condition to fight the case. The grocery business being now settled and disposed of, and other reasons for delay passed, the heirs exercise their legal right and take the appeal.

THE PETITION.

To the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court of Ohio county:

Your petitioners, James V. Reilly, George V. Reilly, John J. Reilly, Michael Reilly and Helen M. Jamison, respectfully represent that they are children of and heirs at law of Michael Reilly, deceased, late of the city of Wheeling; that they are aggrieved by an order of the clerk of the county court of Ohio county, made and entered on the 13th day of February, 1892, admitting to probate a certain writing bearing date the 25th day of June, 1891, as the last will and testament of Michael Reilly, deceased; and that they desire to appeal, and do hereby appeal, from the order or sentence of the said clerk of the county court admitting to probate the said writing as the last will and testament of the said Michael Reilly, deceased.

Your petitioners state that the ground of their appeal is this, that at the time of the making of the will the said Michael Reilly was a person of unsound mind and incapable of making a will.

They further represent that besides themselves the following persons are interested in the probate of the said writing, namely: Rt. Rev. John J. Kain and Rev. John T. Sullivan, who in and by said writing are appointed as executors thereof, and who were permitted to qualify as such by the clerk of the said county court, and to whom as trustees all the property of the said decedent purports to have been bequeathed and devised for the purposes therein mentioned, and also Virginia F. C. Reilly, the widow of said Michael Reilly, deceased, Josephine M. Reilly, the wife of George V. Reilly, Mary Jane Reilly, the widow, and Thomas W. Reilly, Matilda C. Reilly, John Joseph Reilly, Mary C. Reilly, Josephine Reilly, Michael Reilly and Helen E. Reilly, the children of Thomas M. Reilly, who was also a son of the said Michael Reilly, and who died in the lifetime of his father, and Irene J. Reilly, the wife, and Charles J. Reilly and Agnes G. Reilly, the children of James V. Reilly, and A. C. Jamison, the husband, and Michael H. Jamison and Mary M. Jamison, children of Helen M. Jamison, all the said children of Thomas M. Reilly, deceased, except Thomas W. Reilly and Matilda C. Reilly, and both the children of James V. Reilly, and both the children of Helen M. Jamison being under the age of twenty-one years.

Wherefore your petitioners pray that this their petition may be filed, that an appeal from the said order or sentence of the county clerk of the county court of Ohio county be allowed, that a guardian ad litem be appointed for the said infants and that proper process be issued summoning the persons interested in the probate of the said writing to appear and announce their appeal and to do what is necessary to protect their interests as the court may direct, and they will ever pray, etc. The petition is signed by Messrs. W. P. Hubbard and John J. Jacob, the attorneys for the petitioners.

The petition came up in Judge Campbell's court yesterday morning, the petition was granted and the following order made:

THE ORDER OF THE COURT.

In the matter of an appeal from the order of the clerk of the county court of Ohio county, admitting to probate a writing as the last will and testament of Michael Reilly, deceased.

This 17th day of January, 1893, came James V. Reilly, George V. Reilly, John J. Reilly, Michael Reilly and Helen M. Jamison, children and heirs at law of Michael Reilly, deceased, and presented to the court a petition appealing from an order or sentence of the clerk of the county court of Ohio county, made on the 13th day of February, 1892, admitting to probate a certain writing, dated the 25th day of June, 1891, as for the last will and testament of the said Michael Reilly, deceased. The said petitioners also produced with their petition a certified copy of an order of the clerk of the county court of Ohio county, made on the 17th day of January, 1893, allowing an appeal to this court from his said order of February 13, 1892.

On consideration whereof it is ordered that the said petition be filed, and that an appeal from the said order of the clerk of the county court of Ohio county made on the 13th day of February, 1892, admitting to probate a certain writing, dated June 25, 1891, as the

last will and testament of the said Michael Reilly, deceased, be allowed by this court, as it has already been done by the clerk of the said county court; and it is also ordered that the clerk of the said county court do transmit to the clerk of this court, as soon as possible after he is informed of this appeal, the said writing as admitted to probate, and all the original papers filed or used in the proceedings for such probate, together with copies of all orders and proceedings therein.

And it appearing from the said petition, that besides the petitioners the following persons are interested in the probate of the said writing as the last will and testament of the said Michael Reilly, namely Rt. Rev. John J. Kain and Rev. John T. Sullivan, who are therein named as executors thereof, and who are also trustees for the purposes therein mentioned, also Virginia F. C. Reilly, widow of Michael Reilly, deceased, Josephine M. Reilly, the wife of George V. Reilly, Mary Jane Reilly, the widow and Thomas W. Reilly, Matilda Reilly, John Joseph Reilly, Mary C. Reilly, Josephine Reilly, Michael Reilly and Helen C. Reilly, the children of Thomas M. Reilly, deceased, and Irene G. Reilly, the wife, and Charles J. Reilly and Agnes G. Reilly, the children of James V. Reilly and A. C. Jamison, the husband, and Michael H. Jamison and Mary M. Jamison, children of Helen M. Jamison, it is therefore further ordered that John C. Palmer, jr., be appointed as guardian ad litem, for said infants, and that the clerk of the court do issue proper summons commanding the persons, other than the petitioners interested in the probate of the said writing as aforesaid, to appear before this court on the first day of the next term thereof to answer said appeal and to do whatever is necessary to protect their interests in the matter.

\$5,000 for Squeezing Her Foot.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Virtua Pomnier began a suit yesterday against the Illinois Central Railroad Company for \$5,000. She claims that while occupying a berth in a sleeper a "male employee" of the road seized and squeezed her bare foot, exposed to view by the accidental displacement of the curtains of her berth. She was on her wedding tour at the time. She does not claim to have been physically injured by the unlawful seizing and squeezing of her foot, but estimates the mental torment consequent to be worth \$5,000.

Postal Clerks' Salaries.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—The senate bill to ratify and fix the salaries of railway postal clerks received a favorable report to-day. The bill fixes the salaries of railway postal clerks as follows: First class, \$800 per annum; second class, \$1,000; third class, \$1,200; fourth class, \$1,300; fifth class, \$1,500; sixth class, \$1,600, and seventh class, \$1,800.

DIED.

THOMAS—On Tuesday morning, January 17, 1893, at 2:30 o'clock, LOUIS THOMAS, aged 56 years, 8 months and 7 days.

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