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Organization Now Has Many Members and Much Valuable Property.

The year book of the Young Men's Christian Association, just issued, shows that the membership of the order has grown from 350,000 to 374,000. The number of associations has risen from 1,736 to 1,813. This is an increase in four years of 118,000 members and 374 associations. The active membership remains about the same.

The chief growth has been the rough working men and boys not affiliated with churches. Now, 475 of the branch associations own their buildings, which are valued at \$30,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 within the past year. A new building was opened, on the average, every five days. Over \$2,000,000 is pledged in new buildings, and 120 such enterprises are on foot. The current annual expenses are now \$4,000. There are 1,893 instructors.

The Young Men's Christian Association has 500 gymnasiums, with a total class membership of 130,000, constituting the largest athletic association in the world. In the evening classes 32,821 were taught; 53,301 in the Bible classes. The railroad associations, numbering 197, have 69,000 members. There are now 578 associations doing special work for boys.

LITTLE WONDER SHE DID IT.

Woman With Polyverbal Name Relieved by Matrimonial Alliance.

Hamilton, O., Aug. 24.—The longest name ever placed on the marriage records of Butler county was placed there this week, when a license was issued to James Gill, aged 23, of Toledo, O., to marry Missouri Arkansas Napoleon Four Hundred Miles Below the Mouth of the Ohio Absher. The license clerk in the probate court at first refused to place the name on the record, but Henry Absber, the father of the girl, had accompanied Gill and insisted that the name was right and should all be used. Thereupon the license was issued, and the girl's name, containing sixty-eight letters, went on the record and was placed on the license. Mr. Absber explained that when the girl was born in Cincinnati eighteen years ago she was named after an aunt whose home was at Napoleon, 400 miles below the mouth of the Ohio river, on the Mississippi. When Squire Warwick, who married the couple, made his return he added an "amen" to the name of the bride.

DEPORTERS ARRESTED.

Officers Take a Hand in a Little Deportation Episode.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 25.—A News special from Cripple Creek says: Two men were arrested by Sheriff Bell today while attempting to deport Herman Herz, a clothing merchant of Goldfield, from the district. In company with one other they forced Herz, at the point of revolvers, to accompany them, saying they were wanted in Independence. After the men had left with their prisoner Herz's son telephoned Sheriff Bell of the occurrence, and the latter, with two deputies, overtook the would-be deporters and their victim and arrested two of the former. Herz was then given over to one of the deputies, who is now guarding him to prevent any further efforts to send him away.

FAMINE THREATENS TOWN.

Goldfield and Tonopah Are Unable to Get Necessary Supplies.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 25.—As a result of the washouts, Monday, on the Tonopah & Carson and Colorado railroads the mining towns of Goldfield and Tonopah are threatened with famine.

They are situated in a mountainous country, and the only method of securing supplies is from the Tonopah road. Before it was opened they received supplies by pack trains, but since then the towns have grown to such proportions that the demand cannot now be met by such methods. The wash-outs of last week and the week before left them almost destitute of food, and they are now confronted with famine unless relief is speedy. Prices here have risen to enormous amounts.

New Corporation Formed

Helena, Aug. 24.—Articles of incorporation of the Mount Marion Mining company were filed today in the office of Secretary of State Hays. The company is to have its main office at Townsend, and its capital stock is \$300,000, with shares at \$1 each. \$100,000 to be preferred stock.

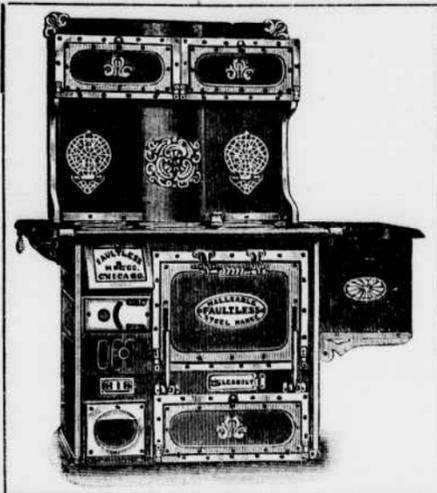
Cornelius B. Flynn and John S. Sherburne of Boston and Chas. G. Doe of Winthrop, Mass., comprise the board of directors. These three subscribed 200 shares of the stock, while Susan E. Pulcifer takes 100,000 shares of common and 100,000 shares of preferred stock, to be issued in payment for mining property.

If you want all the news all the time read the Fergus County Democrat.

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FROM MILL TO MANSION.

Humble Shirt Stitcher Marries Son of a Millionaire.

New York, Aug. 20. [Special.]—From the mill to millions is the great good fortune of Miss Ada Brierly, shirt stitcher.

She is no longer the working girl of New Britain, Conn., toiling daily from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. Instead, she is now Mrs. Francis Edgar Talcott of 7 West Fifty-seventh street, New York City, neighbor of the Vanderbilts, Whitneys, Oelrichses, and others of the world of fashion, and daughter-in-law of James Talcott, the multi-millionaire dry goods merchant.

Coming from an humble cottage in a mill town to a New York mansion, the bride has not met with parental objection. Mr. Talcott, Sr., disposed of that supposition.

"If my son's wife ever worked in a mill," said he, frankly, "I would think none the less of her. I know I was glad to work when I was young."

The newly wedded bridegroom is the youngest member of the family of James Talcott. Two of the sons went to Princeton university, young Francis entering with the class of '02. He tired of college life after a couple of years and decided to come back home and enter his father's business.

Mr. Talcott, Sr., has the old fashioned idea that the son of a rich man should walk the same rough road his father walked. So young Talcott started in at the bottom. He began as an office boy in his father's office at 108 Franklin street, and there he was gradually initiated into the mysteries of the knit goods business, of which his father is the leader. Gradually he advanced. Finally, when the time came, he was sent to the mills of the American Hosiery company at New Britain, owned by his father, there to learn the technical part of turning raw wool into dollars.

Day after day young Talcott applied himself strictly to the business of learning how a hank of wool is changed to a pair of warm socks, incidentally making friends with the employees as he did so. One man particularly interested him—John Brierly, foreman in the "picker" room. Young Talcott noted that the man was strictly attentive to his business and did always a little more than was demanded of him.

A friendship sprang up between the two—the millionaire's son who wasn't afraid of work and the mill hand who did more than his job required. Each grew to respect the other. Gradually the college boy found himself spending much of his spare time in the old man's company. He found he was learning much in this way, and it pleased him immensely that he could.

Finally, one day he went home with Brierly. This was Sunday afternoon, when there was nothing to do. The invitation so deferentially given by the millhand was enthusiastically accepted by the owner's son.

"My daughter," said the old man proudly, as a vision in dainty white came running up to meet him. "Miss Ada. She works for the Parker Shirt company."

The New Yorker bowed formally and the millgirl blushed. But before long she made the visitor feel at home. When young Talcott went away after staying to a dainty tea prepared by the girl's own hands he asked permission to call again.

He called again soon. Gradually the calls became more and more frequent. The girl was a shirt stitcher at the mill. The \$7 a week that she earned

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was a great help toward the support of her family.

Finally the acquaintance of the chance visit changed to an ardent courtship upon the part of the young man. To all who cared to note it was apparent that young Talcott was head over heels in love.

The young man hadn't bothered telling his father nor his mother nor his brother, J. Frederick Talcott, who is here in his father's New York office. Neither was Mrs. Warner M. VanNorden, who was Miss Grace Talcott, bride of the son of the millionaire president of the Van Norden Trust company, apprised of the wedding.

Young Talcott's brother and sister had elaborate weddings in New York. Miss Talcott was married in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, where Mr. Talcott, Sr., is a trustee, with a large reception afterward, at which fashionable folk were present in force. The older brother was married at the Church of the Strangers to Miss Frank V. Crawford, one of the Vanderbilt connection.

But the younger brother chose a wedding that was diametrically opposite to family custom. He elected to go quietly to the parsonage of the Congregational church in New Britain. There the Rev. Russell T. Hall, after assuring himself that all the necessary questions had been properly answered, made the millgirl and the heir to the mill man and wife.

The bridegroom's father, who is several times a millionaire, is one of the best known merchants of the dry goods district. He is likewise prominent in financial circles. He is a large subscriber to charity and a trustee of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, as well as one of the foremost laymen in the Presbyterian faith.

Mr. Talcott is president and owner of the American Hosiery company, and a director in the New Britain Knitting company, the Bank of the Manhattan company, the Van Norden Trust company, the United States Savings bank, and the Harwood Land and Improvement company.

The bride is of medium height and slender, with dark hair and deep, black eyes, a complexion of roses and cream, and the air and distinction of one born to luxury and refinement. Her friends enthusiastically predict for her a brilliant future when her husband comes into his share of the Talcott millions.

RIVER CAUSES BIG LAW SUIT

Capricious Missouri River Imbroils Two States in Costly Case

Omaha, Aug. 24.—The jurisdiction of the State of Nebraska and the sta-

tus of the citizens of the state do not change with every freak of the Missouri River. If they did, many citizens of the state might go to bed in their own homes at night, and without moving an inch between night and morning, wake up and find themselves in Missouri or some other contiguous state.

Thus says Attorney-General Prout, of Nebraska, in a brief filed in the State Supreme Court in the case of the state of Missouri against the state of Nebraska for possession of a large tract of land. The land involved in the controversy between the two states is known as Island Precinct, and at one time indisputably belonged to Nebraska. It was located in a bend in the Missouri River on the southern boundary of Nemaha county, and comprised nearly 3,000 acres. When Nebraska was admitted to the Union, and for several years thereafter, it was a part of this state, and its people were within the jurisdiction of the state. But in the night of July 5, 1867, the Missouri River suddenly changed its course at that point and detached the Island Precinct from the mainland of Nebraska, and ever since that time it has been claimed by both Nemaha County, Nebraska, and Atchison County, Missouri.

When at the time named the river suddenly changed its course and threw a part of Nebraska into Missouri, it opened up an entirely new channel fifteen miles in length and laid the foundation for a gigantic lawsuit between two sister states that has dragged out in the courts for perhaps a longer period of time and cost the taxpayers more money than any other in the annals of the west.

Commissions have been appointed to look into and report upon the case, great masses of testimony have been taken, learned counsel have been employed and numerous opinions and decisions have been handed down, but the controversy is still unsettled and may remain unsettled for many years to come.

In the brief he has just filed Attorney-General Prout maintains that Nebraska first had jurisdiction over the land and that the citizens of the island were entitled to cast their vote in Nebraska, and argues that the vagaries and freaks of rivers do not and cannot change the jurisdiction of states or the status of citizens of states, and asks that the Court find for the plaintiff.

Announcement. Instruction will be given by Mrs. Albert Pfau, at her residence, to pupils requiring special work to keep up with their classes in the common school or high school, and to teachers preparing for examination.

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