HYDROPHOBIA.

[Philadelphia Special to Chicago Tribune.]

Major William H. Dobb, a prominent citizen of Newcastle, died from hydrophobia this morning. His sufferings were intense. He was taken suddenly ill on Saturday, and, although everything has been done to save him, all efforts were unavailing. Major Dobb was bitten by his own dog, a Newfoundland, about ten weeks ago. The dog was lying before the door, and, in going in, the major stopped a moment to caress the animal. It did not take kindly to the petting, however, and finally snapped at Maj. Dobb's hand. One finger of the right hand was bitten. The major immediately sucked the wound until it ceased bleeding, and, as the wound healed in a day or two, he did not fear any serious result. Subsequently the dog showed symptoms of rabbies, and was shot. The weeks passed by, and the incident was hardly thought of, especially as the major had ceased taking elecampane and milk, considering that he was out of danger. On Saturday morning he went to the hydrant and drew a glass of water. When he placed the goblet to his lips, however, he found it impossible to force a drop down his throat. He threw the water away and went into breakfast. A cup o coffee was placed by his plate, and he at tempted to drink, but in vain. "It ha come at last," he said, and arose from the table. A physician was sent for, and, upon his arrival found the major calm and composed, but believing firmly that there was no help for him. He drank a little beer during the day. Yesterday morning he grew worse, and any unexpected noise would cause cold tremors to run over him. By noon he grew delirious, and his convulsions increased. They grew stronger and stronger, and several men were brought into his room to hold him in bed. Once he broke away from them and tried to jump from the window, but was restrained before he could leap out. He frequently tried to drink in his more rational moments, and his efforts to force liquid down his throat are described as terrible. His eyes would seem to burst from their sockets, and his strong frame shivered in every part. During the night Maj. Dobb suffered most indescribable agonies, and at 2:45 this morning, in the midst of a convulsion, death came to his relief. The deceased leaves a wife and two sons and two daughters. He was over 60 years of age, and was born in England. During the war he was an engineer in the navy. Newcestle is thoroughly alarmed on the dog question. It is said that the same dog that caused Maj. Dobbs' death also bit another person. Several dogs were killed to-day, and others are being muzzled.

A CHAT WITH GROESBECK.

[New York Graphic.]

Ex-Congressman W. S. Groesbeck is at the Everett House, having just arrived from Europe, where, as one of the commission to the monetary conference, he has shown his acumen knowledge of finance. Mr. Groesbeck, when visited by the writer, said he did not care to speak of the monetary conference, as the report would be likely to be forthcoming in a short time. Ex-Governor Fenton will pass the winter in Italy. The European commissioners were in favor of the rules of the Latin Union, Mr. Groesbeck thought, and the action of Mr. Groschen, one of England's representatives, was influenced by the policy of the home government.

While abroad Mr. Groesbeck met General Grant for a short time. The general and his chances for renomination are, he says, much discussed over there, Grant has many warm friends, owing in great part, Mr. Groesbeck thinks, to the fact that he is constant in his friendships. Senator Conkling, too, he thinks, is strong in his respect. Mr. Groesbeck hardly believes that the General will be renominated.

"How do you regard resumption, Judge?" asked the writer.

"The people seem too willing to give the resumption law a fair trial, and no obstacles are likely to be thrown in its way. It remains to be seen whether the national banks and the national banking system will accord and harmonize with resumption. Thus far, the people have experienced only the benefits and few of the defects of that system. They are still here, in the East, at least, in favor of it. They have attacked the savings banks because they have suffered by them, It is extremely difficult to attack a gigantic power, like the national banks, *en masse*, but the time may come when it can be done in detail. The failure of the banks from time to time will cause the people to become dissatisfied with the system. *Ex uno disce omnes.*"

"Senator Thurman and Ex-Governor Hendricks," Mr. Groesbeck added, "are both very popular in the West, and it is difficult to say which is ahead in the Presidential race. Thurman is a man of fine intellect," he added.

"What do you think of politics in this State, Judge Groesbeck?"

"It seems to me that the alliance of the Republicans and Democrats will not be of long duration. Where there is a divergence on so many points a concentration on one point is not likely to be a lasting one."

Mr. Groesbeck inquired as to Mr. Tilden's prospects, and said that his hand was apparent in the recent elections in this city and State."

PAINTED WOMEN.

[Washington Correspondence Chicago Times.]

The oldest inhabitant cannot recollect a time when there were more "painted women" at the capitol than upon the opening day of the third session of the Forty-fifth Congress. Bold rouge upon the dead set white pallor of the pronounced courtesan flashed its color in all the galleries and in every nook of the capitol. The doubtful lounged about in groups or pairs chatting easily, never making themselves obtrusive, for that appears to be the unwritten etiquette of the tribe at the capitol. Letter-writers have dwelt in times past upon the powerful temptations that surround the innocent and unsuspecting members. But that no one, even among the most credulous, need believe. If the member wants to go astray he will find plenty of means easy to access, but it is the same in Washington as anywhere else. Temptations of a gross character do not come and boldly attack a man whose reputation is not already a little smirched. The member who has once been seduced through his weakness is of course ever afterwards a political prostitute. The painted women who thronged the capitol Monday went there not to tempt anyone, but to meet old friends. The quiet looks and subdued asides merely showed a good understanding between the members who were perhaps more noted for their intrigues than for their statesmanship. With few exceptions, these men belonged to the humble rank and file, who were not prominent enough to care too much for their moral reputations. Some of the public women who come to the galleries, are models of discretion. There is one little French woman who has come to the gallery steadily for the past three years. She always occupies the same seat and never appears to know anybody but the members of the California delegation. She is always about with some one of them, and, when in the gallery, is nearly always engaged in telegraphic signals with them. No one could swear anything against her character from her public demeanor.

MORE NAUGHTY MINSTRELS.

[New York Star.]

Clerical eccentricities are as the sands of the sea. No sooner has the sensation created by Rev. Mr. Dally of Newark by getting into a tantrum over a troupe of negro minstrels partially spent itself, than another of the same ilk comes to light close upon its heels. Another sensitive gentleman of the cloth has been seriously shocked, and another troupe is remanded to the limbo of the sacrilegious.

The bone of contention is as follows: The Episcopalians of the pleasant little village of Arlington, in Hudson county, have been giving lectures and concerts to raise funds for building a house of worship. They obtained the Methodist church, of which Rev. Mr. Crawford is pastor, for a concert in the latter part of October. Everybody was satisfied with the affair because it was a financial success—everybody but Rev. Mr. Crawford. This gentleman startled his congregation two Sundays ago by announcing that the church had been desecrated by the concert, and that it was necessary to exorcise the edifice before religious services could be held there.

Mr. Crowford then asked the trustees to come forward and assist in rededicating the church. But the trustees refused. So Mr. Crawford performed the ceremony alone. After the "Amen," 'Squire Fickel, one of the trustees, rose to explain.

"I was a Methodist," said the 'Squire, "before many members of this church were born. I saw nothing at the concert that could be objected to by any reasonable man. As the action of the pastor reflects upon me, I shall resign my position as trustee." This speech caused lively excitement.

During the week the trustees held a meeting. Not wishing the scandal should spread, they decided to let the matter drop. The Methodist church is the only place of worship in Arlington. Persons of all denominations contributed to its erection. The general sentiment among the villagers is that the Methodists should take their turn in assisting the Episcopalians, and that the stand taken by Mr. Crawford savors of narrow-mindedness.

The reverend gentleman says that portions of the entertainment, notably the dialect performances by negro, Dutch and Irish comedians, were highly sacrilegious, and that it was an absolute necessity that the church should be rededicated before it could be used as a house of worship.

Windom *Reporter*, Dec. 12: James Wil liams, a brakeman on Conductor Wilkin's freight train, was thrown from a freight car at Bluff Switch, Saturday morning, receiving a fracture of several ribs. He lay insensible for a time, the train crew being ignorant of the mishap; the run was made to Heron Lake before his absence was discovered. In the meantime consciousness returned, and he crawled to a house near by and found a team to bring him to Windom, where he now is at the Windom hotel, under the care of Dr. Greene, and doing well.

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