

BARRED BECAUSE OF HER COLOR

Negro Woman Refused Admission to a Tacoma Musical Society.

She Is Highly Talented, but the Circumstance of Race Is Against Her.

Action of Society Leaders Denounced From the Pulpit of the Free Church.

TACOMA, WASH., April 7.—The Ladies' Musical Club of this city is an organization intended for the development of instrumental and vocal music among its members, and embraces in its fold all of Tacoma's four hundred. Last fall Mrs. Henry J. Ashbury, a colored woman, the wife of the barber of the Tacoma Hotel, a talented pianist, applied for admission as a member of the club. She received no acknowledgment of her application until this week, when she was informed that it had been denied.

It now transpires that the sole and only reason for her rejection was her color. The officers of the club admit that there is nothing against Mrs. Ashbury's character, but that because of her color her admission would have resulted in the dissolution of the club.

Rev. Alfred W. Martin, pastor of the First Free Church, having learned through his wife, who is a member of the club, of the blacklisting of Mrs. Ashbury, became indignant and endeavored to have the matter reconsidered by the club. The women would not entertain such a proposition, and as a last resort, in order that the public might be acquainted with the injustice done Mrs. Ashbury, he published a protest against the action of the club. This had the effect of putting the members of the club into a highly excited frame of mind. Rev. Mr. Martin takes the position that the club was organized for educational and not social purposes it had no right to exclude Mrs. Ashbury. Mrs. Ashbury would easily pass a short distance away as a white woman. She is well educated, refined and ladylike in appearance and behavior.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

The House Votes \$200,000 for the Relief of Flood Sufferers—Sackless Simpson Causes a Commotion.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The House was in session all night to-day, in which time it passed a joint resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the relief of flood sufferers in the Mississippi Valley and enjoyed a little sensation sprung by Simpson (Pop.) of Kansas. The resolution was introduced by Catherings (D.) of Mississippi and agreed to unanimously. Cannon and Walker (Rep.) of California, in opposition, however, the latter hoping that it was the last that would be necessary through the failure of the States to put themselves in a position where they could constitutionally take care of their own people. Walker gave notice that he would in future object to the passage of any similar resolution, believing it to be increasing in its effect upon the recipients. Simpson furnished the sensation of the day by following the example of Earle of South Carolina in the Senate yesterday and protesting against the measure to appoint committees to proceed to consider legislation business in the regular and orderly way. He spoke of the power exercised by the House in a sarcastic and described present conditions as revolution and anarchy.

Speaker Reed responded at some length, stating that it was the first time this condition of affairs had existed. Mr. Blaine, in the forty-second Congress, having failed to appoint committees promptly at the beginning of the term. He said the present occupant of the chair would welcome any action the House might see fit to take.

At 1:30 o'clock on motion of Dingley (R.) of Maine the House adjourned until Saturday next.

OF INTEREST TO THE COAST.

Shipping Men Seek to Revive the American Merchant Marine—California in Washington—Fensions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—W. D. Plowden of San Francisco has arrived in Washington. He is a candidate for the position of Indian agent on one of the California reservations. Representative de Vries called at the Postoffice Department to-day and asked for the establishment of a postoffice at Quartz Mountain, Tuolumne county, Cal. A meeting was held to-day by about a dozen shipping men and ship-owners—the same men who met in January last with the Senate Commerce Committee and discussed a plan for the revival of the American merchant marine. No decision was reached, but there was a general exchange of ideas and differential plans of duties were discussed. The committee of ship builders and owners was represented by ex-Senator James Van Ness, ex-Senator Charles S. Grimes, Senator Perkins and others made statements.

Senator Perkins explained that on the Pacific Coast 2,000,000 tons were exported yearly in English ships, mostly tramp ships, which are operated 25 per cent cheaper than American ships can be.

Representative Barlow to-day introduced a bill in the House providing for an appropriation of \$35,000 for the building of a lighthouse at Point Arzuollo, Santa Barbara. The same bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Perkins.

W. A. Nelson and wife of San Francisco are among the guests at the Arlington. Ben McKinley, one of the cousins of President McKinley and a resident of San Francisco, has returned to Washington after a visit to New York. Mrs. T. Z. Blackman and daughter and Miss Reaney are registered at the Ebbitt. Hon. Leo Fairchild of California is in the city.

Pensions: California: Original (special March 31)—Benjamin F. Mabee, Los Gatos; James Van Ness, San Francisco; William J. Leslie, Vallejo. Original widows, etc. (special March 31)—Amy Cunningham, North Temescal. Original (special March 31)—Robert C. Under, Soldiers Home, Los Angeles. Increase—Charles S. Raymond, San Francisco. Original widows, etc.—Rebecca Thompson, Jamul; Ernestine R. Vallejo, Oakland. Ore. on: Original—Victor Ebert, Jordan.

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Brief Session of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—A

message from the President suggesting Government aid for the sufferers of the Mississippi flood was read in the Senate to-day, and was followed by the introduction and passage of a joint resolution appropriating \$150,000 for this purpose. Before this action could be communicated to the House a joint resolution was received from that body appropriating \$200,000 for the same purpose and including the Red River of the North in the district to be aided. The House joint resolution was immediately passed by the Senate, action on the other one and on Mr. Bates' joint resolution being Monday being reconsidered and annulled. Senator Morgan finished his speech, begun yesterday, in favor of his joint resolution. He said that he had received sides in the Cuban revolution. No action was taken on it, and at 2:15 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

TO STIMULATE COMMERCE.

Representatives of the Bureau of American Republics Confer. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—The Bureau of American Republics is to enter upon an aggressive effort to improve the commercial relations of the countries on this continent. This morning Secretary Sherman and the Brazilian, Mexican, Venezuelan and Argentine Ministers, consulting the executive board of the bureau, held a protracted conference at which the new director, Joseph F. Smith, was present, and the policy of vigorously pursuing the original objects of the bureau was adopted. The staff will be increased and the scope of the work will be promptly broadened.

HARRISON'S BIG PLURALITY.

Chicago's Mayor-Elect Sweeps the Windy City With a Majority Over All Other Candidates.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 7.—The total vote for Mayor is as follows: Harrison (D.) 67,270; Hurlbut (Citizens) 68,333; Sears (R.) 59,055; Healey (Ind.) 15,201. The four other candidates swept the total vote to 292,682. Harrison's plurality is 79,070; Harrison's majority, 484. Harrison ran over 10,000 ahead of his ticket.

The Republicans failed to carry a single ward in the city, the stronghold of the Republican machine, represented by Sheriff Pease, State Treasurer Hertz and Congressman Lorimer, being swept by the Democrats. Charges of fraudulent practices in two wards were filed with election commissioners to-day against judges and clerks of election.

A telegram was received from Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and many others congratulating the Democrats on the result. Jones adding that it was a great reaching in its importance and effect on the future of the party and declaring that the party really won last fall.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 7.—With the exception of four members of the House of Delegates, the Republicans made a clean sweep in yesterday's municipal election by majorities ranging from 30,000 to 40,000.

TOPEKA, KANS., April 7.—Mayor Fellows, Republican, was re-elected, as was the entire Republican ticket.

HUTCHINSON, KANS., April 7.—The Republicans elected the entire municipal ticket by majorities of 400 to 600.

EMPHORIA, KANS., April 7.—Women polled one-third of the votes cast here. The Citizens' ticket for Mayor and a majority of other officers is elected. Republicans had a majority of 300 two years ago.

PLUM FOR A DEMOCRAT.

Secretary Wilson Makes an Appointment That Is Denounced.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 7.—A Washington dispatch to the World says: Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has appointed Charles W. Dabney Jr. of Tennessee, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture under the Cleveland administration, to be special agent in charge of scientific and statistical investigation. The salary is fixed at \$4,000 per year. This is the largest compensation paid any official in the Government service, and is higher than the President's Cabinet officer, who is not confirmed by the Senate, with the single exception of the Director of the Bureau of American Republics.

Secretary Wilson's creation of an office and its bestowal upon a Democrat, are bitterly denounced by those Republicans who are long and hotly opposed to not blanketed by civil service regulations.

DIED FROM LOCOMOTOR ATAXIA.

Sudden Collapse of a Denver Dry-Goods Merchant.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 7.—William G. Fisher, leading dry-goods house of Colorado, located at Denver, died suddenly this morning at the Gilsey House. His death was due to locomotor ataxia. He was the head of the firm of Daniels & Fisher.

HE CAME HERE WEDNESDAY AND WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE HOTEL LAST EVENING HE COMPLAINED OF BEING TIRED EARLY.

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Conflicting Wall-Street Rumors Given for What They Are Worth.

The Present Head of the Company Is a Practical Man and Knows His Business.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 7.—The report that Daniel S. Lamont, ex-Secretary of War, would shortly succeed Edward W. Winter as president of the Northern Pacific Railway Company was revived in Wall Street to-day upon the authority, it is said, of an ex-president of the company. This story was current just before J. Pierpont Morgan sailed for Europe, and he said then that there was no truth in it. Other members of the firm said to-day that there was no foundation for it and that the management of President Winter had been entirely satisfactory. Mr. Morgan is the chairman of the

TRAGEDY NEAR BELMONT.

Mrs. Manuel Conda, While Temporarily Insane, Attempts Suicide With a Revolver.

REDWOOD CITY, CAL., April 7.—Mrs. Manuel Conda, who lives a mile from Belmont, attempted to commit suicide by shooting herself. Except for the presence of a servant she was alone at the time. Mr. Conda having come to Redwood City after breakfast, while there she went to Spanishtown. While in Redwood City Conda received a telegram stating that his wife had shot herself, and a telegram of like import was sent to Spanishtown to the son. Conda started for home immediately, taking with him a physician; the boy found the telegram awaiting him when he reached Spanishtown and immediately retraced his steps.

When Conda reached home he found his wife still living, but suffering from the effects of two wounds inflicted with a



DANIEL SCOTT LAMONT, Whom a Groundless Rumor Had Stated for the Presidency of the Northern Pacific.

Northern Pacific voting trustees and nominated Mr. Winter for the position which he now holds, it being desirable that the president should be an experienced railroad man and residing in the West, while the finances and policy of the company would be controlled by the chairman and directors here. Mr. Winter was elected president last October, and at the time of his selection for the office was general manager of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroads.

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WILL LECTURE AT WRIGHTS STATION.

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., April 7.—Professor Smith of Stanford University will lecture at Wrights station before the Santa Cruz Mountain Floral Society next Saturday afternoon, April 10, at 3 o'clock. His subject will be "Rose Culture." The Floral Society of Santa Cruz will attend the lecture and will invite the Mountain Society to pay a return visit to Santa Cruz on the occasion of the floral exhibition to be given here on May 14 and 15.

DIED ON MOUNTAIN VIEW.

SAN JOSE, CAL., April 7.—Mrs. Eliza Mortier, an old resident of Mountain View, died at her home last evening, after a lingering illness. She was a native of France and had resided in this country for thirty years. A husband, Joseph Mortier, and two children survive her.

MARRIED HALFCENTURY

Friends Congratulate Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Robbins on Their Golden Wedding.

Owing to the Commemoration of the Centennial of the Birth of George Washington the Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Robbins such the congratulations of hosts of friends at the Mentone, corner of Powell and Sacramento streets, last evening, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

The reception-rooms of the Mentone were handsomely decorated with ferns and choice flowers, but, true to California, the predominating color was that of the poppy, which nestled everywhere, adding grace and beauty to the scene.

Mrs. Robbins was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. E. C. Clowen, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Loomis.

Mrs. Mary Field of San Jose was poet laureate of the occasion. She penned a few verses, which the host and hostess, who have been together for a half century, say they will treasure forever. During the evening the little poem was read. In part it is as follows:

A BIRD SONG.  
What a joyous pair of Robbins  
Built their happy nest together  
In the sunny and the snow,  
In the sunshine and the snow,  
Long ago!

But did ever pair of Robbins  
Keep their happy nest together  
Through the years of tribulation  
Till we who know bird lore  
These before?

Mr. and Mrs. Robbins would have much enjoyed to have had their children here to celebrate with them this anniversary, but as they are in London and Berlin the reunion was impossible on this occasion.

In 1839 Mr. Robbins was one of a commercial party composed of representative men of Chicago, chosen from various branches of business, including members of Congress and the Governor of the State, who made the first transcontinental trip to California. While here some business prospects were presented which lured him to make his home in California in 1870.

Notwithstanding all the attractions which California offers he has always felt that from a business standpoint the great mistake of his life was in leaving Chicago.

ARRESTED ST. PETER.

He Is in Jail Under an Eastern Charge of Embezzlement.

OAKLAND, CAL., April 7.—John St. Peter from Pittsburg was arrested here this morning and to-night a telegram was received by Chief Loyd detailing the particulars of an embezzlement. St. Peter was secretary of the Window-glass Workers' Association of Chicago, about thirty miles from Pittsburg.

About eight weeks ago he left with all the funds at his mercy. He came West and search was made, but nothing could be learned till recently, when it was stated that he was in Oakland, Cal., and his detectives set to work and found St. Peter and his wife and child living at 875 Washington street.

Requisition papers have already been prepared and he will be taken back to Pittsburg.

While in Oakland his family has been helped by the Associated Charities under the names of Thomas and Ed Gould, but this was presumably done to throw people off the track, and to explode the idea that he had money. It is also reported from Pittsburg that he left partly to escape another wife, but he denies this to-night.

St. Peter is