

The Opening of the Press Club Fair Next Month.

Frank Dougherty at It Again—Muddy Roads—Excursionists in Town—A Gentle Organist—W. H. H. Murray Again—Gotham Generalities.

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NEW YORK will witness great times next month when the Press club fair opens. I fancy it will be the biggest thing of the kind ever seen in the metropolis.

Men and women go around with notebooks begging for it. This is a nuisance, but humanity as a rule hasn't any kick coming. The newspaper men help along good projects of every sort more than any other agency can do, and you can't blame them for taking their turn once in awhile. The Press club is not wholly a social or professional organization, but does a good bit of charitable work.

That wasn't what I started out to say. At the fair all the pretty women in town, nearly, will sell things. The building will be enormous, the crowds immense. The Baby Ruth Sunshine league and fifty other queer-named organizations will have booths. The big attraction, though, will be a complete newspaper office. A complete daily newspaper will be printed every day of the fair on a modern press and after modern methods. The "copy" will be written, edited, set up and printed in full sight of everybody, and there will be a crowd of onlookers all the time, I fancy.

There's nothing that interests people any more than the working of machinery. To see the wheels go round is as dear an occupation to grown folks as to Helen's babies.

Crank Dougherty.

Crank Dougherty is at it again. Crank Dougherty, you remember, is the man who was in love with Mary Anderson-Navarro and pestered her 'untill he was put in an asylum. Then he murdered a young doctor and is now in for life.

I received, the other day, an envelope of ordinary size, in which was inclosed a tiny one which had been smuggled out of the state asylum. The inner envelope inclosed a letter from Dougherty, in which he said that Mary Anderson (he did not use her last name) was insane and was being abused by her family, and that he could prove it.

As a matter of fact, Mrs. Navarro's family relationships are ideally pleasant. She has been out of town for some time on a combined health and pleasure trip, and writes chatty letters to her friends here which are as sane as they are graceful.

Queer, isn't it, how the crank always imagines everybody but himself to be out of his head. This Dougherty is on most subjects as rational a man as one could often meet. But he will probably die in the delusion that the great actress was violently enamored of him.

The "Roads is Muddy."

After the heavy rainfalls of two weeks ago there was a cave in on Broadway at the junction of Thirty-fourth street, where one would think such a break would be speedily repaired. It wasn't. The enterprising genius whose business it was to remedy it merely stuck five feet of scantling up in the hole, where it remained for some days a monument to the beauties of the New York system of street repairs.

The town has been demoralized this year by the cable railroad operations and the heavy snows. Much of the time the Bowery and Broadway have been impassable for mud. Now they are rapidly improving.

Broadway where the pavement has been relaid is kept fairly clean. The side streets are not. The howl which has been kept up by the press about Commissioner Brennan is not altogether fair under the circumstances. He has had a hard winter.

With millions of tons of sea water available why has nobody ever invented a plan for washing the streets clean?

The Excursionists.

The town has been full of rural excursionists this week. Every autumn the railroads pour into New York throngs of farmers from up state, Jersey and New England. The spring excursion is rather an innovation. It has its reason, though. New York is only an incident, the point of interest is Washington, for which town every excursionist has a stop-over ticket in his fat wallet. The same sturdy chaps who have been looking at Tiffany's diamonds and the obelisk and Grant's tomb will be tip-toeing through the white house and "doing" the Washington monument.

I envy them. Here I've been living in New York all my days and don't know as much about its sights as the greenest of them. Some day I'm going to take a week off. I'm going to begin with the statue of liberty, which I have never seen at close range. I'm going all over Govern-

nor's island, or as much of it as they will let me. I'm going to the navy yard, not to interview the commandant but to see things. I'm going to ask the big policeman on the bridge how many tons it weighs. I'm going to the top of the Equitable building. I'm going to do the old city hall before they tear it down.

And I'm going to have more fun that week than a horse can draw. And when it is over I'll tell my family and friends all about the sights I've seen.

L. Clarke Davis. It seems to be pretty generally admitted that L. Clarke Davis, the editor of the Philadelphia Ledger, is Mr. Cleveland's journalistic mouthpiece. No better choice could possibly have been made.

The Davis family is an interesting one. Until recently Rebecca Harding Davis was its best-known member—or most heard-of—outside of Philadelphia. She is a sweet little lady, almost painfully shy and a very quiet, home-staying body. Richard Harding Davis, her son, has made his meteoric hit by quite other qualities. He is confident, self-assertive and positive in all his ways. His friends call him "Dick" and say that it is only natural he should be rather masterful in his ways considering his sudden success. They add: "He's a good fellow, though."

Clarke Davis, the head of the family, seems to be the golden mean between shy and self-assertiveness. His manners are those of a kind-hearted gentleman, whom the habit of authority has ripened into perfect dignity of bearing without "uprightness." I've never heard any newspaper man, printer or publisher or writer, speak of him in other terms than those of warmest commendation. It's a great pity to make such a man a keynote sounder. He cannot possibly act in that capacity without getting some bruises. The selection is the more singular from the fact that neither Mr. Davis nor the Ledger has ever been reckoned as political elements to any great extent.

W. H. H. Murray. W. H. H. Murray is in New York at present, and the metropolitan average of manly beauty is considerably raised thereby. Mr. Murray, with his big muscular frame, white mustache and the grand air of a gentleman of the old school, is about as picturesque a man as has been seen in Gotham these many years. He is engaged in general literary work in the metropolis, and is sometimes seen about the newspaper offices, where he is a prime favorite with everybody.

Perhaps it's the Adirondack pines which have given Mr. Murray such health and vigor in his old age. He was one of their first great apostles and lives to see the big woods half spoiled by invading Vanderbilts, with their sawlog palaces and fences.

Doubles. In a city so big as New York it is not at all strange if somebody looks like somebody else. There are living here doubles to Henry Irving, ex-Mayor Grant, to Billy Florence, dead and buried as he is, and many other men. The doubles are often proud of the resemblance, as McKinley is said to be of his Napoleonic brow, and Senator Cullom of his resemblance to Abraham Lincoln. Ben Butler never had a double, and I don't believe Bob Ingersoll has any. My double is a minister—or perhaps it would be better to say that I am his. I had occasion to call upon another clergyman one day, and before I had entered the door his vivacious little wife cried out: "Why, how do you do, Mr. —?" I couldn't get a word in edgewise, as the saying is, until she had praised the sermon my double had delivered in her husband's church only two days before. Finally I succeeded in explaining. She knew the other man intimately.

Why shouldn't folks look alike? How do they succeed in looking different? With such a small number of features for differences to appear in, how account for the almost infinite variation in human features? DAVID WECHSLER.

Wanted to Honor Him. Sir Richard Burton was exploring an unknown corner of Afghanistan and had adopted the disguise of a Moham-medan fakir. He played his part so well in one village that the inhabitants formed a very high idea of his sanctity. Naturally he was pluming himself on his success when the elders came privately to him one night and begged him to go away at once. "Do not the people like me?" asked Burton, in great surprise. "Indeed they do," was the reply. "They were simply enchanted with his heliussa. Indeed, they were considering whether it would not be a good thing to possess his tomb!" Sir Richard made the best of his speed away. Indeed, if his admirers had made their arrangements for his funeral he felt sure, as Artemus Ward observed, that "the corpse would be ready."—Yankee Blade.

Society Note. Mr. Coupon—Consider again, Miss De Vere. It's true, you rather old, but on the other hand, I have no family and am very rich.

Miss De Vere—No, Mr. Coupon, I can never be your wife, but I will be pleased to always be an adopted daughter to you.—Texas Siftings.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York Stock Market.

New York, April 14.—The speculative temper at the stock exchange underwent a marked change to-day. The bears were in the ascendant and succeeded in bring about a general decline on the feeling of uncertainty created by the continued gold shipments to Europe and the extravagant forecasts of further shipments. On the other hand it is to be said that the leading bankers and others who presumably understand the financial situation take anything but a gloomy view of the outlook, and the fact that Drexel, Morgan & Co. have undertaken the work of reorganizing the Richmond Terminal is accepted as proof positive that the firm takes a hopeful view of the money market.

During the afternoon the pressure to sell became quite pronounced and dealings were attended with considerable excitement. Manhattan, which had advanced four points to 170 1/2 on the granting of new privileges to the company by the rapid transit commission, broke to 164 1/2. The remainder of the list yielded 1/2 to 3/4 per cent. Missouri Pacific was sold down from 53 to 49 1/2, sugar from 103 1/2 to 101 1/2, distilling and cattle feeding from 28 to 27 1/2, lead from 41 1/2 to 39 1/2, cotton oil from 48 to 46, Burlington and Quincy from 90 1/2 to 91 1/2. Chicago gas from 90 to 88 1/2, Rock Island from 84 1/2 to 82 1/2, Lake Shore from 132 1/2 to 130, New England from 33 1/2 to 31 1/2 and Northern Pacific preferred from 42 1/2 to 40 1/2.

National Starch broke 3/4 to 21 1/2 and rallied to 23. There is no doubt that the bulk of the selling was for short account, although some long stock naturally came out as the decline made progress. Richmond Terminal advanced on the knowledge that Drexel, Morgan & Co. had concluded to go on with the reorganization. Sales, listed stocks, 309,000; unlisted, 50,000. Sub-treasury balances: Coin, 69,788,000; currency, \$17,927,000.

Money on call easy, ranging from 4 1/2 to 3 1/2, closing offered at 4. Prime mercantile paper, 6@7. Sterling exchange firm. Posted rates, 487@489. Commercial bills, 485 1/2@487 1/2. Government bonds easier. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds weak.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, Baltimore and Ohio, Canada Pacific, Chesapeake and Ohio, Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago and Alton, Cotton Oil, East Tennessee, Erie, Erie preferred, Illinois Central, Delaware, Lackawanna and West, Lake Erie and Western, Lake Erie and Western preferred, Lake Shore, Louisville and Nashville, Memphis and Charleston, Michigan Central, Missouri Pacific, Mobile and Ohio, N. C. & St. L., New York Central, New Jersey Central, Norfolk and Western preferred, Northern Pacific, Northern Pacific preferred, Northwestern, Northwestern preferred, Pacific Mail, Reading, Richmond Terminal, Rock Island, St. Paul, St. Paul preferred, Silver Certificates, American Sugar, American Sugar preferred, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Tennessee Coal and Iron preferred, Texas Pacific, Union Pacific, Wabash, Wabash preferred, Western Union, Alabama, class A, Alabama, class B, Alabama, class C, Louisiana consols, North Carolina 4s, North Carolina 6s, South Carolina Browns, Tennessee olds, Tennessee, new set.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Produce and Merchandise, New York, April 13.—Flour barely steady; winter wheat, low grade, 2.10@2.25; patents, 3.85@4.25; Minnesota, clear, 2.50@3.50; patents, 4.25@4.70; Southern flour, dull, easy; common to fair extra, 2.15@3.10; good to choice do, 3.15@4.25. Wheat dull, closing firm; No. 2 red, store and elevator, 77 1/2; float, 78 1/2@78 3/4; options opened steady and unchanged to 1/2 up, and closed steady, 1/2@3/4 decline on dull trade; No. 2 red, closed 76 1/2; May, 77 1/2; June, 78 1/2. Corn dull, lower, weak; No. 2 elevator, 51, float 51@52 1/4; ungraded, mixed, 47@60; steamer, mixed, 50@50 1/2; options dull, irregular, closed weak, 1/2@3/4 under yesterday; May and July most active; April, 49; May, 47 1/2; June, 47 1/2. Oats dull, lower; options dull, weaker; April, 34 1/2; May, 33 1/2; June, 33 1/2; July, 33 1/2; spot, No. 2, 30; No. 2 white, 40@40 1/2; mixed Western, 36@38; white Western, 39@40. Wool quiet, firm; domestic fleece, 27@32; pulled, 26@37. Beef quiet, steady; family, 11@12; extra mess, 7.50@8.50; beef hams dull, easy at 17.50; tierced beef inactive, steady; city extra India mess, 17@17.50. Cut meats quiet, firm; bellies, 9 1/2@10; shoulders, 8 1/2@8 3/4; hams, 12 1/2@13; middles dull, firm; short clear, 10. Lard quiet, easy; Western steam, 10.35@10.40; city, 8 1/2@9; option sales none; refined dull, firm; continent, 10.45; South America, 8@8 1/2. Pork firm, old mess, 17.75; new mess, 18.25; extra prime, nominal. Petroleum quiet; Washington barrels firm, 5.20; do. in bulk, 2.70; refined New York, 5.55; Philadelphia and Baltimore, 5.50; do. in bulk, 3.00@3.05. Rosin dull, weak; strained, common to good, 1.27 1/2@1.30. Turpentine more active; firmer at 31 1/2@32. Molasses, foreign, nominal; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, firm; fairly active at 30@35.

Peanuts quiet, unchanged. Coffee, options steady; closed weak; 20@30 points decline; April, 15.45@15.55; June, 15.15@15.30; October, 15.10@15.30; December, 15.00@15.30; spot Rio dull and weak; No. 7, 16 1/2; sales none. Sugar, raw, quiet; fair refining, 3 1/2; centrifugal, 90 test, 3 1/2; refined dull, unchanged; No. 6, 4 1/2@4 11/16; granulated, 4 15/16@5 1/4. Foreign, Liverpool, dull, steady. Cotton, by steam, 7-64 1/2. Grain, by steam, 1 1/4.

Chicago Markets.

Table listing Chicago market prices for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Mess Pork, Lard, and Short Ribs.

PRIVATE CUNNINGHAM WINS

The Gold Medal at the Roanoke Light Infantry Prize Drill.

The spacious drill room of the Roanoke Light Infantry was thronged last night by a large gathering of young people to witness the prize drill of the company. Twenty-nine privates entered the contest, with Captain Bird in command. The judges were Captain Cushman, Lieut. W. B. Moss and Lieut. C. B. Hatcher.

The boys had evidently been doing some good training as they drilled well and evoked much praise from the audience. After a hard struggle the number dwindled until only Corporal Engleby and Private Ed. Cunningham were left in rank. Corporal Engleby made a mistake and Private Cunningham won the prize, which was a beautiful gold medal. He was cheered by his comrades but responded by doffing his helmet.

Captain Bird's appointments of non-commissioned officers for the ensuing year were then read by Lieutenant Hatcher. They were: First sergeant, W. A. Woodson; second sergeant, H. L. Warner; third sergeant, J. S. Cook; fourth sergeant, G. H. Bentley; fifth sergeant, W. S. Goch; first corporal, C. M. Crute; second corporal, E. C. Jones; third corporal, W. R. Engleby; fourth corporal, W. H. B. Loving. The resignation of C. P. Mayhew from the company was read and accepted and he was afterwards elected an honorary member. He resigned to leave the city. Capt. C. G. Cushman called Private Cunningham to the front and presented him with the medal. He complimented the company on their marked improvement in the last year and especially last night's drill.

NOT DEAD YET.

R. H. Fishburne Objects to Being Put in a City Cemetery Lot.

R. H. Fishburne called at THE TIMES office presenting a very much alive appearance and assured everyone of his intention of staying on earth just as long as he could see anyone else living. His visit was caused by the error in the paper placing his name among the dead in the city cemetery instead of among the present lot owners. He stated that the first grave yard that Big Lick had was on Franklin road between Seventh avenue and ran back to where S. W. Jarison's residence now is, but after keeping it for six years without a death it was disposed of and the present site was purchased, when people began dying right and left.

POLICE NEWS.

William Gillim was fined \$10 for vagrancy yesterday. When committed four dynamite cartridges were found upon his person, presumably for the purpose of blasting bugs.

Jerry Scott, the colored man who was arrested Wednesday night on a warrant for breaking and entering the house of Thomas Stanfield, on Ninth avenue northeast, was released yesterday morning on account of the insufficiency of the evidence. It is probable that another warrant will be issued.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The annual meeting of the active members of the Y. M. C. A. to select a committee for nominating a directory for the coming year will be held this evening at 8 p. m. in the association building. Members of the Y. M. C. A. are cordially invited. The election will take place during the month of May.

The Cotton Mill.

The cotton mill committee held a meeting with representatives of the land companies Wednesday afternoon and at the solicitation of the latter adjourned until May 3, when it is understood that a final settlement will be made as to location. The promoters of the enterprise are all confident that success is assured.

Quite a peculiar freak of humanity was seen in the waiting room of the depot Friday morning. This little woman was Sarah Cross, a daughter of Lunny Cross, deceased, and was raised on the Holston river in Sullivan county. She is more than fifty years old, but is a perfect dwarf, being only eighteen inches in height. Her face and head are fully developed and her features show no lack of intelligence. She talks with as much freedom as if she were a well-developed woman. Her half brother, who came with her to the train, says that while she is unable to do house work, she is, nevertheless, quite thorough in needle work, and generally makes herself useful about the house. She is one of a large family, who stands alone in the peculiarity of her stature. The remainder of the family are large and fully developed.—Bristol Courier.

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