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New York City a Resort of Itself and the Headquarters of Many Visitors in the Hot Months—Political Things Languish Somewhat—The New Union League Club House.

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COL. F. C. LOVELAND, PENSION AGENT AT NEW YORK.

The days that presage the coming of summer roll rapidly by, echoing with saw and hammer, and the noise and bustle of preparation tells us that our seaside resorts are soon to open. More and more each year New York is becoming a place with special attractions for pleasure seekers and visitors. Every phase of summer hotel clusters around us and the city itself is by no means the uninviting spot that some picture it. In the crowded tenement and business streets one cannot expect comfort, but there are thousands of cool and shady spots on bay, ocean and river that people are finding in the suburbs and even within city limits. And our city hotels are not empty in summer either. The rush to this section brings all of them trade and visitors often make their headquarters here when flitting from one resort to another.

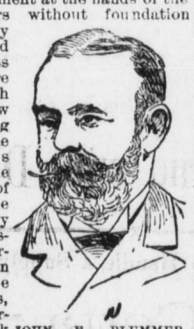
Political things languish. Since the adjournment of the legislatures around us, fewer politicians drop down here. Of local interest, the appointment of Col. F. C. Loveland to be pension agent in city and of John F. Plummer to be government director of the Union Pacific railroad are the only current theme of the kind. Both these men are very popular here, and thus far few murmurs of dissatisfaction are heard even of the party sort.

The proposed construction of a new Union League club house in Brooklyn is worthy of mention in this connection, showing as it does the wealth and aggressive tactics of Republicans in Kings county, which is to be a field for hotter party battles than ever before. From an architectural point of view the new building will be a credit to the city, and so far as the Republican party may have an interest in it, or can be responsible for its erection, it will be a credit to the party, for it will be one of the finest structures of its kind in the country. Apart from its political effect there is a side of club organization which excites admiration and wins commendation even from those who have no personal interest in them; for they contribute to the beautification of the city, the enhancement of its tax values, and the attractions of its social life; and since the Republicans have determined to establish their Union League clubhouse, they are at least to be congratulated by Democratic citizens on the largeness of the plans adopted and the size and imposing character of the building they propose to erect.

An unpretentious house on Henry street, Brooklyn, attracts unusual attention, by the way, since it became the domicile of the much-discussed ex-bank president and ex-convict James D. Fish. Since his occupancy of this quiet retreat he has been seen on the street only once or twice. I saw him out for a short walk one evening during the past week, and the sight of the clean shaven, now almost decrepit old man revived memories of the days when he sat in his cozily furnished office in the Marine bank in Wall street, and directed the affairs of that then most trusted financial institution.

The name of Fish was then an honored one. Its bearer had advanced step by step to affluence and influence. His brother, with whom he had been associated so many years in the ship brokerage and commission business on Maiden Lane had imbibed from him the conservatism in methods so characteristic of all his transactions.

Mr. Fish, it is claimed, has hardly received fair treatment at the hands of the press. Rumors without foundation gained currency as facts, and stories of endless variety were coined which tended to show him in anything but a favorable light. He was human with some of the frailties of humanity. He had a kindly heart, was hospitable and charitable. No man could have the legion of friends, who, when adversity overtook him, never ceased to try and regain him his liberty, had he been a cold, selfish individual, as sometimes asserted. During his prosperous days he was the most accessible of the financial magnates. Hall boys, janitors, boot blacks and newsboys all knew him and he had a friendly word for all. Selfish men are not of this sort.



JOHN F. PLUMMER, GOV. DIRECTOR U. P. RAILROAD.

It was hoped by his family and friends that when he emerged from prison the crimes for which he had been punished would cease to be discussed in the newspapers, and that he would be enabled to pass quietly the remaining days of his existence free from constant reminders of his misstep; but he is talked of almost as much as ever. Many inquiries are afloat as to why he selected Brooklyn for a residence. It is easy to account for in the fact that in a house three or four doors away there lives a friend with whom he was wont to spend many pleasant days when Wall street revered him. Through all the long days of his trial, this friend never forsook him, and when the prison bars shut him in, his hand was the last he grasped. His name was among the first on the petition for the pardon submitted to ex-President Cleveland, and by his advice the present house was engaged.

When gossip has subsided, and the ex-banker can go about without being stared at, it is rumored that he will be provided with a modest clerical position where his duties will not be very onerous and where his declining days may be made as peaceful and quiet as possible.

We have had some pleasant talk over the fact that William Walter Phelps is mentioned as our probable minister to Germany, just as Whitelaw Reid appears in Paris as minister to France. Mr. Shanks, formerly of the Tribune, now editor of the Star, told a story not long ago indicative of the warm relations existing between Messrs Phelps and Reid.

"In 1872, just after Horace Greeley's death," said he, "Whitelaw Reid, then acting editor of the Tribune, called the late John R. G. Hassard and myself into his office. Hassard and I were then subordinates of Reid. He handed us a check of the Tribune association for $40,000 payable to himself for four shares of Tribune stock. 'Boys,' he said, trying to laugh away his grief, 'that represents my connection with the Tribune. It has been sold to a syndicate represented by William Orton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, and Vice-President Colfax is to become editor tomorrow. He wishes you to remain.'

"Hassard fell to weeping, and I took to cursing, and advised Reid to get out an injunction against the illegal transfer. While we were yet talking a messenger handed Reid a dispatch. It was from the Tribune's Washington correspondent, Zebulon L. White. It told that Oakes Ames had exposed Vice-President Colfax as one of the credit Mobilier gang, and that Orton, breaking with Colfax, had gone back to New York in disgust.

"Mr. Reid left the Tribune office hastily. He went to the house of a friend. The next day he had seen Orton and bought his fifty-one shares of the Tribune for $510,000. The friend to whom he had hastily gone the night before, and who furnished the money to buy the control of the Tribune in its days of doubt and tribulation, was William Walter Phelps, the probable minister to Germany.

"A few years ago fraud brought disaster to the great Second National bank of this city. Millions had been stolen by John Eno. The bank was on the verge of ruin. The youngest director of it saved it. He nerved the other rich directors to put their hands in their pockets, pay the deficiency, save the bank and their own honor. At the last moment the discovery of an additional forgery of $90,000 staggered the directors, and they hesitated. 'Never mind that,' said the plucky junior director, 'I'll take care of that.' He had already put up his full assessment of the loss to the bank by Eno's treachery. I think that that plucky director is fully competent to be the minister to Germany."

PROPOSED UNION LEAGUE CLUB HOUSE IN BROOKLYN.

On the occasion of his great benefit at the Comedie Francaise a week ago, Actor Coquelin received a stream of congratulatory cablegrams from admirers here. Coquelin is loud in his praise and admiration of everything American, from the women to the cooking, which he declares to be as good at Delmonico's as in any place in Paris. The only thing he had to object to was the way he was treated by the Tribune and Herald. He and Mr. Reid have met since the latter's arrival in Paris, and, it is said, the new minister to France expresses himself as regretful for the severity of his critic. As to the Herald, which simply boycotted Coquelin and never mentioned his name at all, that was Mr. Bennett's doings, he having cabled peremptory orders forbidding his dramatic critic ever to speak of Coquelin in print.

I am told this was one of Mr. Bennett's private grudges which he used his paper to gratify. Three or four years ago the two had some difficulty in Paris concerning a private matter. The editor considered himself the injured party, and after his fashion waited patiently for revenge, and did succeed in annoying Coquelin more than he would like to admit by absolutely refusing to have his name mentioned in his paper.

Coquelin is passionately fond of pictures, and, like all wealthy Frenchmen, has an ambition to discover and introduce to the world a new genius, as I hear. The genius' name in this case is Friand, and Coquelin has some twenty or more of his paintings hung about his new apartments, among his Corots and Diazes, and expects them to double themselves over many times in value in the next twenty years. He is going to make his debut in London as Petruchio, in "The Taming of the Shrew," it having long been one of his ambitions to create Shakepearean roles.

He has a big law suit on hand with the manager of the Comedie Francaise, which will keep him busy all summer, and he proposes to make a speech himself in court when the trial comes off.

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Civil Service School.

One of the most interesting sights to be found in Washington is the examination rooms of the civil service commission. The scene is one of intense, suppressed, excitement. Pretty girls are bent over desks, some of them leaning their heads on their hands in discouraged inertia, and others driving away as if the moment was immediately before them, when they must lay down their pens and simply wait results. Young men with fashionable clothes and seated side by side with old citizens who have passed the time of life when personal appearance is regarded as a matter worthy of much consideration. Like love, the civil service examination levels all ranks for the time being, and likely as not a man with twenty years of business experience is competing for the place with a girl fresh from the atmosphere of the high school.—Washington Critic.

Corporal Tanner's Old Commander.

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