

IN HONOR OF ROBERT BURNS

The concert of Scottish song and story given by the Caledonian and St. Andrew's society last night at the Tacoma theater was a most enjoyable affair. The program, from start to finish, was one seldom equaled in celebration of this sort.

The officers of the society appeared in full regalia of Scottish chiefs, and tartan of the different clans were everywhere in evidence.

Hon. John Arthur of Seattle delivered the address of the evening on "Robert Burns as a Man."

Miss Louise M. Dewey, a charming girl, captivated the audience with her sweet soprano voice in the song, "A Highland Lad My Love Was Born." Mrs. Grace Davenport sang several selections with great effect. Solos by Harry T. Hanlin, Robert Haddock and T. J. Griffiths were enthusiastically received. Mrs. D. W. Bergy rendered two vocal selections in a most creditable manner.

The pipers, William and Wallace McLeod, rendered some stirring bagpipe melodies. Miss Isobel Keith danced in costume the Highland Fling, to the great enjoyment of the audience, and proved that she was a most skillful dancer.

A roar of approval greeted the dance in full costume, the Highland Reel, Reel o' Tulloch and Highland Fling, by Miss Hettie Johnstone, Miss Maggie Rutherford and Messrs. A. S. Drummond and Charles Patterson. It is no more than fair to say that Presiding Officer Drummond, in this dance, did a few fancy flings that would have caused Loie Fuller to open her professional eyes, had she been so fortunate as to be present.

A large and representative audience was in attendance and the general verdict was that the concert was far above the average.

STATE POINTERS

Joseph T. Bush, aged 70 years, one of the oldest pioneers of this state, died at the Soldiers' home at Orting last Saturday. He was born in Clay county, Missouri, and crossed the plains with his parents in 1844. He served as mail carrier between Olympia and Monticello during the years 1852-53. Mr. Bush was a soldier in the Indian war, being a member of Captain Hav's company. He was finally made messenger of the express department by Governor Stevens and served until the close of the war. Three brothers survive him. He was buried in the Bush Prairie cemetery yesterday.

The enlarged and remodeled Methodist Episcopal church at LaConner was dedicated Sunday. Rev. E. M. Randall of Tacoma, president of the University of Puget Sound, preached the dedicatory sermon. The institution is free from debt.

Settlers in the neighborhood of Prosser are agitating a mail and stage line from Prosser, via Ward's gap, the Glade, Lone Springs and Dead canyon to Castle Rock, on the O. R. & N. railway a distance of 30 miles.

Fred Phair and the notorious Duke Detheridge, prisoners in the county jail at Spokane, were detected in an attempt to cut their way out. Several small saws were smuggled in to them, with which they were sawing away the sheet iron wall around the cage. The men were detected shortly after they started, but they officers let them work unmolested for a time for the purpose of seeing whether they had accomplices or no. Sheriff Doust is now doing his utmost to find out where the saws came from.

The secretary of the treasury has recommended an increase in the limit of cost of the public buildings at Tacoma and Spokane from \$400,000 to \$700,000, exclusive of the cost of the sites.

The doors of H. O. Peterson & Co., of Bellingham, clothiers, were closed yesterday. Liabilities \$5,000; assets \$15,000.

Skamania county is to have a new court house at Stevenson. Bids are being received for both frame and brick structures.

Olaf Harding of Colfax, 19 years old, is in duress vile for going to the home of Rev. U. F. Hawk and demanding of Mrs. Hawk the sum of \$2, which the young man claimed the minister owed him. The charge against him is obtaining money under false pretenses. His parents are highly respected citizens of Colfax.

Everett has a scarlet fever scare. A number of new cases have broken out this week.

Charles Hillbrick of Walla Walla has been convicted of setting fire to the home of Enos B. Palmer, a printer.

The Camono Commercial company of Everett has commenced suit against the Northern Lumber company to collect several hundred dollars claimed to be due on a bill of logs bought of the plaintiff by the defendant.

The village of Almira has decided by a vote of 3 to 1 that it is big enough to incorporate.

"DR. ADAMS" CASE IS RECALLED

The arrest in Chicago yesterday of "Dr. E. F. Adams," on the charge of being a swindler, recalls some of the operations of that gentleman and an accomplice in this vicinity a few years ago. Many people fell victims to the doctor's smooth schemes, but his biggest job was when he and "Captain" Handy swindled Dr. J. Eugene Jordan of Seattle out of \$10,000.

In 1899, when the Nome excitement was at its height and steamers of all kinds were worth almost any price asked for them, Dr. Adams, accompanied by Captain F. N. Handy, approached Dr. Jordan with the intention of unburking him in the steamship business. They told him they were the sole owners of the palatial steamer Midnight Sun, then in the bay of San Francisco, sumptuously fitted up, and ready to take the Nome run and let the owners a small fortune on the first trip. Unfortunately, they said, they were temporarily embarrassed for ready money, and they would like to get a loan of \$10,000 on the steamer. The vessel, they said, was easily worth \$10,000, and in fact, a man would need no other investment to speedily make him rich, once the Midnight Sun was put on the Northern run.

Dr. Jordan had his doubts at first, but finally put up the money, only to find that the Midnight Sun was an old hulk, absolutely worthless.

Dr. Adams and Captain Handy disappeared for a while, but were finally captured and brought to trial. The jury in

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Adams' case disgraced, and while he was out on bail he disappeared and had not been heard of until his arrest in Chicago.

Captain Handy was convicted and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. While in the county jail the captain's health had declined and Deputy Sheriff Whitford, out of the goodness of his heart, decided to bring him to Tacoma on a little pleasure trip. While they were stopping at a hotel here, a lady friend of Captain Handy's entertained the deputy sheriff and he became so infatuated that he forgot all about his prisoner. The result was that Captain Handy walked away and was never recaptured. It is reported that he has visited friends here several times, but the officers have never gotten on his track.

CHINESE STEAL FROM VESSEL'S CARGO

Some of the officers of the steamship Victoria have photographs of Chinese coolies in the stocks, where they were put for stealing from the vessel's cargo while she was loading for the last trip. The coolies who are employed in loading vessels are the greatest thieves in the world and they have been known to steal several thousand dollars' worth of goods from a ship's cargo while loading. A law recently passed provides that these cargo thieves, when caught, shall be put in the stocks and left on exhibition for a while in a public place, and then banished.

It so happened that some of the industrious coolies were caught carrying away some valuable stuff which should have gone into the Victoria's hold. The law was speedily put into effect and the man with the camera took a snapshot of the thieves while they were on exhibition. When the Victoria returns to the Orient the thieving coolies will probably be out of the country and their places will be filled by others just as bad or worse.

QUAIL FROM CHINA

Frank Alling received on the Victoria on her last trip several pairs of Oriental quail from Canton, China. The birds will be used for breeding purposes on Mr. Alling's farm. Thirteen years ago Mr. Alling imported the first Chinese pheasants ever brought to this section.

FAME OF AN AMERICAN GIRL



MISS GERALDINE FERRERA.

Geraldine Ferrera is an American girl who has gained fame at the Royal Opera House in Berlin. Her admirers are legion, but she has the reputation of repelling them all. Even the addresses of the German

Crown Prince were rejected with scant courtesy. Miss Ferrera is the possessor of a wonderful chain of diamonds that excites the envy of all feminine visitors to the opera house.

FAMOUS OLD CONVENTION HALL SELECTED FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION



WHERE THE DEMOCRATS WILL NOMINATE THEIR CANDIDATES.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 26.—The Coliseum, in which the Democratic national convention will be held July 6, is one of the finest convention halls in the United States.

It fronts on Thirteenth, Fourteenth and St. Charles streets, an ideal location for a convention, as the distance from downtown hotels is only three minutes.

The Coliseum proper is 189x318 feet. The area is 112x222 feet. The space will

seat 15,000.

The convention will be the fourth held in St. Louis in the past thirty years. In 1876 Samuel J. Tilden, of New York, and Thos. A. Hendricks were nominated for president and vice president. They were elected by popular vote, but not by the electoral vote.

Grover Cleveland was the next presidential nominee named in St. Louis. This convention in 1888 was largely attended. The 1896 convention of the Republicans,

at which Wm. McKinley was nominated for president and Garret A. Hobart vice president, was one of the largest in history.

Plans will be considered in a few weeks to insure the success of the convention. The selection of reception committees will be made many weeks before the convention and all preliminary arrangements completed. This will be made necessary on account of the large crowds during the world's fair.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY COMES TO THE FRONT AGAIN IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Buncombe county, N. C., is to the front in congress again after a lapse of many years.

There has been buncombe on frequent occasions, but no notice of Buncombe since, in the sixteenth congress, it leaped into fame and the dictionary. In that congress the county was represented by a member noted for long speeches that had no particular bearing on anything. One day he was particularly inquisitive and the members retreated to the cloakrooms. A congressman coming into the hall and noting the empty seats and the vociferous remarks of the North Carolinian, asked: "What is he talking for?" "For Buncombe," answered one of his colleagues.

Thereafter when a member made a speech for local consumption it was said that he was making a speech for Buncombe. The word came into such general use that the dictionary men placed it in their books. Now buncombe is defined as "speech-making for the gratification of constituents."

A contest in the present congress for the seat belonging to the Tenth North Carolina district hinges on the vote of Buncombe-co. Jas. Madison Gudger, jr., Democrat, holds the seat. He was elected over J. M. Moody, since deceased, by 200 votes. The Republicans of the district want the seat declared vacant and a special election held to choose a successor to Gudger. The contest is based chiefly on the claim that more votes were cast in Buncombe than there were citizens who, by payment of the poll tax, had qualified for voting. As there is no way of learning for whom the illegal ballots were cast, congress is asked to throw out the entire vote of the county. If that should be done Mr. Gudger would be unseated.

JACOB WALDECK.

The American ship A. J. Fuller, Captain Haskell, arrived over from Port Hadlock yesterday afternoon in tow of the Sea Lion. The Fuller will load at the St. Paul mill at Sylva. The vessel has a carrying capacity of 1,200,000 feet of lumber.

The following vessels are now loading or waiting to be berthed at the St. Paul dock: Quickstep, Amicus, Transit, Alexander and Pinto Hall.

GREAT AMERICAN CHARACTER WAS GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN

"Citizen" Geo. Francis Train, who died suddenly in New York a few days ago, was known of late years chiefly through his spectacular eccentricities. He was for a couple of decades one of the most conspicuous public characters of the world. As a promoter of railway and other great enterprises he had the confidence of the most powerful capitalists of Europe.

He built the first tramway, or street



GEO. FRANCIS TRAIN.

car line in London, at a time so long ago that the idea was regarded as somewhat visionary.

He built the Atlantic & Great Western railway, now the Erie, from Salamanca, N. Y., to Akron, O., with capital secured almost entirely from various royal families of Europe.

As head of the firm of Train & Co., shipping agents, with offices in New York and Australia, he started the first "cupper" ships to California in 1849, and made

The fast steamer Greyhound is now on the run from Tacoma to Olympia.

this class of American shipping famous throughout the world.

He overtook a prominent and somewhat erratic position in sociological affairs. He was arrested in Boston in 1862 for insisting upon replying to one of Chas. Sumner's abolition speeches. He was at the head of the French commune in Marseilles. He was an independent candidate for president of the United States in 1876.

He was born in Boston in 1829. In 1833 his father, mother and three sisters—all his family—died of yellow fever in New Orleans. For the next ten years he lived with his grandfather on a farm at Waltham, Mass.

At 14 he began his business career as clerk in a grocery store at Cambridgeport, salary \$1 a week.

At 20 he was admitted to partnership in a large shipping house at Boston, with an income of \$10,000 a year.

At 22 he was drawing \$15,000 yearly. Two years later he started an independent shipping business in Australia and his income was \$95,000.

He had the magic of Midas and everything he touched turned to gold. He was associated in business enterprises with kings, queens and emperors and made fortunes for them all as well as for himself.

At one time he lived at Newport at the then phenomenal expense of \$2,000 a week.

He built a \$100,000 hotel on the present site of Tacoma, Wash., and opened it with a \$10,000 breakfast, to which he had invited all the leading financiers of the country.

He then picked up his gripsack and made his flying trip around the world in sixty days, advertising Tacoma.

His decline as a great financial power came with the exposure of the Credit Mobilier frauds in the construction of the Union Pacific railway. He had organized the Credit Mobilier, which was a contracting company for the building of the first railroad across the plains to the Pacific with government money. Many senators and congressmen were compromised in the disclosures of the methods used.

erty, which he estimated at \$32,000,000, was put under the control of others and dissipated. In his late years he was penniless, living at Mills hotel in New York on the bounty of his daughter.

He was one of the greatest travelers and cosmopolites the world has ever known. He spoke sixteen languages fluently. He was a prolific writer, and only a year ago issued an immense autobiography. He had many eccentricities. For more than thirty years he had refused to shake hands or even touch the flesh of man or woman. But of children he was exceedingly fond, sitting for hours every bright day in Madison square with crowds of eager youngsters about him. Three times a day he laid for a half-hour in a bathtub, absorbing water as his chief nourishment. For several years his health had been delicate—from lack of nourishment, the doctors say.

HOMING BIRD FANCIERS ELECT BISON PRESIDENT

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Homing pigeon flying in the United States has become a sport of national scope, and that records may be maintained and pedigrees



Wait for the Butchers' Second Annual Ball, Washington's Birthday, Feb. 22, at Fawcett Hall. Three prizes given. A good time assured and that is not all.

kept, the National Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers was organized some years ago. The federation has control of many clubs, and records made by birds must be made according to its rules to be accepted. At the recent meeting of the fanciers in Philadelphia, Louis J. Kennigott, of this city, was elected presi-

dent for one year. Kennigott is an enthusiastic sportsman, popular among the fraternity here and wherever he is known. He holds office as overseer of the poor of the city of Buffalo.

CHURCHES TO HELP CHAPLAIN STUBBS

G. W. Morrill of the firm of Vaughan & Morrill, president of the Tacoma Seamen's Friend society, appeared before the Ministerial alliance yesterday and briefly stated the wishes of the society in regard to the much-needed co-operation on the part of the evangelical churches of this city in the work of presenting the gospel to the hundreds of seamen who visit this port annually. The alliance responded heartily and promised to recommend to all the ministers of the city that they invite Chaplain Stubbs, who has charge of the Seamen's Bethel work along the waterfront, to speak from their pulpits and present the needs of the work to the congregations.

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