

The Golden Era.

THURSDAY, August 7, 1884.

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OUR NEW MINISTER TO GERMANY.

The Hon. John A. Kasson, of Iowa.

Hon. John A. Kasson, who was lately appointed as Minister to Germany, was born at Burlington, Vt., January 11th, 1822. He acquired the rudiments of his education in the public schools of his neighborhood, and when twenty years of age graduated from the University of Vermont. Upon leaving this institution he determined to study law, and pursued a course of reading in Massachusetts; and after being admitted to practice he removed to St. Louis, where he engaged in his profession until 1837, when he settled in Des Moines, Iowa. In the following year he was elected State Director in the organization of the State Bank of Iowa, and in the next was State Commissioner to investigate and report on the condition of the Executive Department of Iowa. About this time he was elected Chairman of the Republican State Committee, and in 1850 he was both a Delegate to the Chicago Convention and Representative of Iowa on the Platform Committee. Upon the inauguration of President Lincoln, Mr. Kasson was appointed First Assistant Postmaster General, a position he occupied until the fall of 1862, when he resigned to accept a nomination for Congress, but in the ensuing election was defeated. In 1864 he was appointed United Commissioner to the International Postal Congress, held in Paris. On his return he was elected a member of the Thirty-ninth Congress, and at the close of that was chosen for the Thirty-ninth. In 1867 he visited Great Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland and Italy, as Commissioner on the part of the United States to negotiate postal connections, and succeeded in inducing all the Governments excepting that of France to sign the preliminary agreements. From 1864 to 1873 he served as member of the General Assembly of Iowa, and was elected to the Forty-third and Forty-fourth Congresses. Soon after his accession, President Hayes appointed Mr. Kasson United States Minister to Spain, but on account of the scandal he had publicly taken in Congress upon the subject of Spanish atrocities in Cuba, he declined the portfolio, and was then given that of the Austrian mission. Upon his retirement from service in Vienna, he returned home and was elected to the Forty-seventh Congress from his old district. He has ranked as one of the Republican leaders of the House, and his retirement from that body will be greatly regretted.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. July 24.—The Navy Department was informed yesterday by telegrams from Commander Schley, at St. John's, N. F., that Lieut. A. W. Greely, with six others of his party, had been rescued on the ice five miles from Cape Sabine, in the Arctic regions, by the relief ships Thetis and Bear.

Of the twenty-five brave men who went to Lady Franklin Bay to establish the first of a line of posts by which the secrets of the North Pole were to be captured by siege operations, six living skeletons, poor wrecks of humanity, are on their way home; seven have died of absolute starvation, one was drowned while searching for food and another has died since the rescue, after his frozen limbs had been amputated.

This story of the twenty-five gallant men who, three years ago, volunteered for the ill-starred Lady Franklin Bay expedition. They went forth full of courage and hope, believing that they were pioneers in a plan of Arctic exploration that was to inaugurate a new era

the era of success in polar research. Words cannot depict the suffering they have endured, and even the most vivid picture that imagination can sketch must fall short of the horrors of their situation during the past few months while slowly starving to death. As to the officers and men of the last Greely expedition, they are to be heartily congratulated on the success that has so promptly crowned their efforts. Their position is an enviable one. It is given to but few men to experience the generous joy that must have thrilled their hearts when they found that they had arrived at Greely's camp in time to save him and the remnant of his comrades.

Owing to the President's residing in Washington longer than usual this summer, the customary overhauling of the White House has been delayed somewhat. In view of his early departure however, the work is being rapidly pushed to completion. All the carpets have been taken up and cleaned, the lambrequins and heavy curtains removed, and the furniture draped in linen covers. Large rolls of matting now stand in the main corridor, to be placed upon the floor of the East room. Workmen were to-day busily engaged in taking apart two of the three monster crystal chandeliers of the East room. Each of these chandeliers, consists of nickel framework surrounded by five thousand pendant crystals, and it is no small work to dismember them and restore them correctly. Heretofore it has been the custom to take them apart every year or so, and thoroughly clean the glass. This year, however, it is intended to take down the nickleod framework and send it to Philadelphia to be replated. This has never been done since the chandeliers were put up, in the third year of President Grant's first term. Only two chandeliers are to be removed at present, the north and south ones. The crystals as they are removed are carefully packed in sawdust in large wooden boxes. They will remain there until the framework is returned from Philadelphia, where the glass pieces will be removed, carefully cleaned, and restored to their proper places. The central chandelier will remain while the others are gone, to illuminate the room in case of necessity, and to serve as a model for reconstructing the others. It will then be taken down and put through the same course of treatment.

Written for the Golden Era.

How to Succeed in Life.

- Never boast.
Never trust blindly.
Never be prejudiced.
Never get into debt.
Never criticize severely.
Never act without reflection.
Never lie to cover up a fault.
Never forget the Golden Rule.
Never count injurious company.
Never be a borrower nor a lender be.
Never be familiar or allow familiarity.
Never trifle with the feelings of others.
Never let temper master you in instead of you it.
Never console what you would not wish told.
Never cling to one you know to be unworthy.
Never be conceited over your own attainments.
Never judge others with your personal troubles.
Never brook to talk or listen to gossip or scandal.
Never be curious to know other people's affairs.
Never argue when you know yourself in the wrong.
Never overlook your own interests to enhance another's.
Never be too hasty to resent a supposed insult until you are sure one is meant.
Never lose your own self-respect for then you will surely lose the respect of others.
Never let another persuade you against your own judgment if you have good "horse sense."
Never lose sight of the thought if you cannot keep your own affairs no one will keep them for you.

The Opera.

Last week we went up to the coliseum at Minneapolis to hear Theodore Thomas' orchestra, the Wagner trio, and Christine Nilsson. The coliseum is a large rink just out of Minneapolis on the road between that city and St. Paul. It can seat 4,000 people comfortably, but the management like to wedge 4,500 people in there on a warm day and watch the perspiration trickle out through the clapboards on the outside. On the closing afternoon during the matinee performance the building was struck by lightning and a hole knocked out of the Corinthian duplex that surmounts the oblique porticulis on the off side. The reader will see at once the location of the bolt. The lightning struck the flag-staff, ran down the leg of a man who was repairing the electric light, took a

wrong side out, and induced him to change his sock, and then ran down the electric light wire, a part of it falling an engagement in the coliseum and the balance following the wires to the depot. The immediate and previous fluid shot athwart the auditorium in the direction of the platform, where it nearly frightened to death a large catoon of children. Women fainted, ticket speculators fell \$2 on desirable seats, and strong men coughed up a claven. The scene beggered description. I intended to have said that before but forgot it. Theodore Thomas drew a full breath and Christine Nilsson drew her salary. Two thousand strong men thought of their wasted lives, and two thousand women felt for their back hair to know if it was still there. I say, therefore, without fear of successful contradiction, that the scene beggered description.

In the evening several people sang "The Creation." Nilsson was Gabriel. Gabriel has a beautiful voice, out low in the neck, and sings like a joyous bobolink in a dew saturated mead. How's that? Nilsson is proud and haughty in her demeanor, and I had a good notion to send a note up to her stating that if she could sit up in the peanut gallery where I was and look at herself with her dress kind of swayed off at the top, she would not look so vain. She wore a diamond necklace and a silk skirt. The skirt was cut princess, I think to harmonize with her salary. As an old neighbor of mine said when he painted the top board of his fence green, he wanted it "to kind of corroborate with his blinds." He's the same man who went to Washington about the time of the Giteau trial and said he was present at the "post-mortise" examination. But the funniest thing of all, he said was to see Dr. Mary Walker riding one of those "philosophers" around the streets.

But I am wandering. We were speaking of the festival. Theodore Thomas is certainly a great leader. What a pity he is out of politics. He poulticed the air all up fine there Thursday. I think he had twenty-five small sized fiddles, ten medium size, and five of those big fat ones that a baldheaded man generally annoys. There was a lot of wind instruments, drums, et cetera. There were 600 performers on the stage, counting the chorus with 4,500 people in the house and 3,000 outside yelling at the ticket office—also at the top of their voices—and swearing because they could not mortgage their immortal souls and bear Nilsson's coin silver notes. It was frightful. The building settled twelve inches in these two hours and a half, the electric lights went out nine times for refreshments and on the whole the entertainment was a grand success. The first time the lights adjourned an usher came on the stage through a side entrance with a kerosene lamp. I guess he would have stood there and held it for Nilsson to sing by it if 4,500 people hadn't with one voice laughed him out into the starless night. You might as well have tried to light benighted Africa with a white bean. I shall never forget how proudly buoyant he looked as he sailed in with that kerosene lamp with a solid chimney on it, and how hurt and grieved he seemed when he took it and groped his way out, while the Coliseum trembled with ill concealed merriment. I use the term "ill concealed merriment" with permission of the proprietors, for this season only.—Bill Nye.

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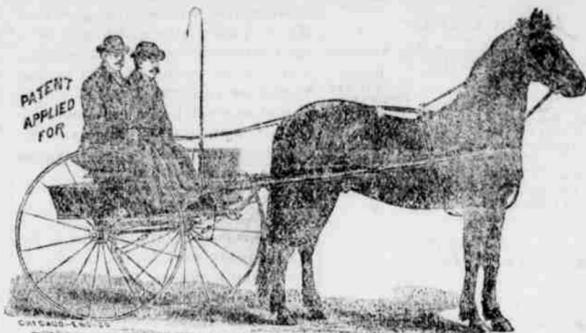
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