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THE BELGIAN THRONE.

Leopold of Saxe-Coburg Favored by the King as Heir Presumptive.

The regulation of the succession to the throne of Belgium, says the Brussels correspondent of the New York Tribune, has caused as much bitter discussion in political circles recently as the referendum. Among the proposed constitutional changes no question is considered more important and none naturally excites more interest in the breast of the King. But his Majesty's plans and wishes have met great opposition, and it is doubtful whether he will ever see their realization.

The King, as Leopold I, in the event of the absence of direct heirs has the right to name his successor from collateral male lines, subject to the approval by a two-thirds vote of the Senate and House of Deputies. As is well known his Majesty has no sons but three daughters—Stephanie, widow of the Crown Prince of Austro-Hungary; Princess Louise, wife of the Austrian general, Prince Philipp of Saxe-Coburg, and the Princess Clementine, who is still unmarried. According to the constitution princesses of the blood and their descendants forever are excluded from the right of succession to the crown. The King's brother, the Count of Flanders, therefore, is heir to the throne. He is so deaf, however, that he will never exercise his rights, even though he should outlive the King. Prince Albert, the Count's only son since the tragic death of his brother, is to be looked upon as the future successor of King Leopold. But the Prince unfortunately is weak physically, and doubts are entertained that he will live to wear the royal purple.

The wishes of his Majesty, therefore, to have the question of succession settled in case Prince Albert should die without male heirs is natural. No other Belgian Prince is available. His Majesty was desirous of securing a change in the constitution, allowing princesses of the line to succeed to the throne as in England, Spain and the Netherlands; but his project excited so much opposition that he was obliged to renounce it entirely. He dearly wishes, however, to name the oldest son of Prince Philipp of Saxe-Coburg, his grandson, as heir presumptive to the throne, to succeed as king should Prince Albert die. He first made this desire known by sending Prince Philipp to England, to represent Belgium at the funeral of the Duke of Clarence, a movement which was not well received by the people, Parliament and the press. The Radicals especially oppose the succession of foreign princes. The committee on the revision of the constitution appointed by the Senate has agreed to grant the request of his Majesty that all Princes of the House be members of the Senate; but it has declined to recommend that the privilege be extended to foreigners who marry Belgian Princesses. This decision is considered the death-knell of Prince Philipp's hopes. It seems hardly likely that his descendants will ever sit on Belgium's throne.

A LEASE DEFINED.

A Document in Which Many Words Are Used to Say Very Little.

Chicago Tribune.

"A lease, my boy," said the old gentleman in reply to a question; "a lease is a document that is most wonderfully constructed. A lease is a contract that is not lived up to by either party and generally not fully understood by either.

"It requires more words to say a little in a lease, my boy, than there are in one of Shakespeare's plays, and according to law the whole affair is made as involved as a Chinese puzzle, the only thing at all equaling it in that way being an indictment of 47 counts, carefully drawn in accordance with the statutes of the great State of Illinois. I have known a man to be crippled for life by the mere weight of an indictment accidentally dropped on him. It is so cumbersome and involved that it frequently slips a cog and seriously clogs the machinery of the law.

"But to return to leases. You see a real-estate agent and he tells you the terms on which he will rent you a house or an office. You understand it and he understands it, and all is clear sailing until the lease is made out. You look it over and then tell him that you never carried away or destroyed a house in your life and did not know you were suspected of such a thing. He informs you that this is merely a legal formality and does not mean anything. You find a lot of other formalities and finally say:

"'Why, I thought the arrangement was that I was to have the place for $50 a month, keep it in repair, and get out if I failed to pay the rent.'

"'That's it exactly,' he replies.

"'Then you wonder at the ingenuity of the man who can use 1500 words to say so little. But you sign the lease, take it home, study it some more and discover one great truth: It is largely devoted to specifying what the party of the first part does not have to do and what the party of the second part does have to do. That's a lease, my boy.'"

AN AFRICAN EXPLORER.

One of the Most Successful of the Congo Pioneers.

New York Sun.

Captain Van Gele, who has been engaged for 10 years in most responsible work on the Congo and its tributaries, has returned to Brussels. Van Gele was a favorite lieutenant of Stanley, who speaks of him in one of his books in the most complimentary terms. He has been foremost in recent explorations in Congo land, and it was he who finally settled the vexed question of the identity of the Welle Makua with the Mobangi, the Congo's greatest northern tributary, by ascending the Mobangi, in spite of the hostility of the natives, until he nearly joined his surveys from the west with those of Junker, who descended the Welle Makua.

Captain Van Gele.

Van Gele's last few years have wholly been devoted to exploring the vast and populous territories along the Mobangi. Since 1889 he has studied the principal affluents of that river and secured the friendship of the natives. The prosperity of his work may be inferred from the fact that the station of Banzyville, which he founded on the Mobangi, has now a population of 30,000 people, made up of natives who have been attracted to the post from far and near. Though he established Banzyville only two years ago, it is now quite an African city.

The greatest chief in all this region is Bangasso, the King of the Sakaras, who live along the big M'Bomu River, a northern affluent of the Mobangi. Bangasso had heard of Van Gele, and desired to make his acquaintance. The captain sent embassadors to the negro monarch, and appointed a day for an interview at Yakoma, on the Mobangi. Bangasso arrived in July, 1890, accompanied by his brother and 26 of his chiefs, and made his entry into the station preceded by his band of musicians, and followed by hundreds of women and slaves bearing provisions and presents. He is very rich, and hundreds of thousands of people pay tribute to him in goats, lances, ivory, provisions and slaves. His forefathers have reigned for 200 years upon the shores of the M'Bomu. His people are so powerful that the Soudanese, who oppress and enslave all the other tribes in this part of Africa, do not dare attack them.

A Humming-Bird's Home.

A correspondent of the Field tells of a humming-bird that made its nest on the leaf of a palm growing in his drawing-room in Trinidad, this being possible from the fact that the windows are open all day. The drawing-room is frequently used, and a tall floor-lamp, which is lighted at night, stands but a few feet from the nest where the little visitor sits undisturbed even while singing and pianoforte-playing are going on. Three tiny eggs had been laid in the nest, one of which was hatched on the 12th of last month.

Henry A. Pond of Bristol has been visited by many farmers who desired to see his twin calves. They were born of a Jersey mother, and while one is a very diminutive specimen of the Jersey breed, the other is a monstrously large full-marked Holstein.

To Slay or to Be Slain. Which?

To attack the dragoon of disease and annihilate him before his deadly talons grow, or to allow him to attain dangerous maturity and destroy us—that is the question of paramount importance to all afflicted with organic ailments. Among these disorders of the kidneys and bladder are of the fatal order if unrestrained at the outset. Their growth is rapid, their culmination death. Bright's disease, ordinary nephritis, diabetes, catarrah of the bladder, gravel, suppression of the secretion, cannot be tampered with or disregarded safely. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a superb depurative tonic, giving the due impulse without excitation to the renal organs besides strengthening and regulating them in common with the rest of the system. It infuses, too, vigor and regularity into the stomach, bowels and liver, successfully counteracts malaria and rheumatism, and is a pre-eminently fine tonic for the aged, the enfeebled and the convalescent. 21

A MODERATOR ELECTED.

Dr. Young Makes a Significant Speech on Taking the Chair.

THE SOUTH TRUE TO PRESBYTERIANISM.

An Excellent Beginning Made With the Work of the General Assembly Now in Session at Portland.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

PORTLAND, May 19.—The first day's session of the Presbyterian General Assembly is at an end, and the first contest between the factions has been fought. The victory lies with the conservatives by a vote of just five above a majority of those who answered to their names, but not by a majority of the commissioners on the roll. The question thus settled is that of the moderatorship, and it goes to the president of Center College, Danville, Ky., Rev. William C. Young, D.D. The fight was a stubborn one and three ballots were necessary to decide the matter.

As had been announced, the Assembly opened with an invocation by Dr. John G. Rihieldoffer of Redwood Falls, Minn., the oldest clerical commissioner present, because of the absence of Dr. Green of Princeton, the moderator, on account of illness.

Dr. Rufus S. Green of Orange, N. J., followed with a Scripture reading.

Prayer was then delivered by John McC. Holmes of Albany, N. Y.

Dr. Green's Sermon Read.

The sermon of the retiring moderator was read by the stated clerk, Dr. Roberts.

Isaiah xiv: 15: "Verily thou art God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Savior."

The doctor said the Hebrew prophets were men of faith. God did not interpose to rescue them from their present foes and from the troubles that then threatened them. He himself was hidden from their sight. The mystery of his ways they were unable to fathom. But that he was nevert heless pervading by directing and controlling all they never for one moment doubted. Their faith was that which Isaiah gives utterance in the text.

The faith thus commended in a God unseen is demanded of us all, and in every situation. Faith refuses to admit that corporal senses are the sole test of truth, or that the invisible and intangible are therefore non-existent and unreal. Religious life is only maintained by the constant exercise of faith in the unseen. If some palpable result invariably followed, which we could trace to God's immediate agency and associate it with our act of worship, it would be an unspeakable relief; but if our faith is thus maintained, what is there to test the reality and strength of our faith in God's word, where that word stands simply and alone? He demands our implicit, unreserved and unreasoning faith. This absolute submission of ourselves is a fundamental requisite of true discipleship. Hence it is that God hides himself. God hides himself likewise in his providential dispensations.

The unequal distribution of good and evil in the world is one of the inexplicable mysteries connected with his moral government. But the Most High gives no account to us of his sovereign dealings. This, however, answers an important end in the moral training and discipline of men. But perhaps it is an afflictive dispensation of God's providence that most distress is felt and most perplexity created by his hiding himself as he does.

One thing, however, is evident—we cannot divine the issue of the various paths that open before us. Our wisdom is to commit all into his hands for the present and for the future, content with the assurance that what we know not now we shall know hereafter.

The Lord further hides himself in his relations to his church, which is his mystical body, and he its invisible though ever-present head. But when we turn from the ideal church to the church as it actually is and has been, how strange it is! Is it strange that the world fails to see it in its true light? Yet the church is the Lord's, only he hides himself from natural sight, and it is with each member of the church as with the church at large—he has the promise of the Lord's presence with him. Nevertheless, he sees no fruit, or little fruit, from long and faithful labor. Where is his promised helper? God has hidden himself again. He has not forsaken his servant. God is thus training you to walk by faith. But God still hides himself even when he makes the amplest disclosures and confers the largest benefits. To whatever extent he makes himself known revelation is but partial, and far more is kept in reserve than is shown forth.

All we have ever discovered or can discover is as nothing to that which is beyond. The infinite must ever be the infinite, and the incomprehensible must remain the incomprehensible, and forever and forever more the confession of the heavenly hosts will re-echo the universal experience of this lower world.

"Verily, thou art God that hideth thyself, O God of Israel, the Savior."

Order of Business.

After the sermon the assembly was constituted with prayer by Dr. Rihieldoffer, temporary moderator.

Dr. Brown of Portland, Or., then presented the report of the committee on arrangements.

The report provided that sessions be held from 9 o'clock in the morning till noon, and from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 5 o'clock, and a popular meeting at 7:45 o'clock for sacrament night, served by Dr. C. Parsons Nichol and Dr. Herman D. Jenkins, and for the subjects of popular meetings in the evenings as follows:

Friday—Sabbath-school work.
Monday—Freedmen.
Tuesday—Home missions.
Thursday—Higher education.
Friday—Intemperance.

The report also included invitations for a trip up the Columbia River to Astoria Saturday week, and other side trips at the convenience of the commissioners.

The morning session closed with prayer.

The first business of the afternoon session was the election of moderator.

Electing a Moderator.

When the meeting was called to order in the afternoon Mr. George Junkin of Philadelphia gained the floor and moved that when nominations for the moderatorship were made there should be no speeches allowed in favor of any candidate. He further intimated that in his view it would be well if all electioneering could be suppressed. The motion met with a hearty response and was passed by an overwhelming vote.

Almost immediately nine names were placed in nomination and the balloting commenced. No time was lost. But the calling of 550 names is no short work, and the whole afternoon, till nearly an hour after the regular time of adjournment, was spent in answering the roll. The men put in nomination were: Rev. Robert Christie, D.D., of St. Paul; Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D.D., of Buffalo; Rev. Wallace Rancliffe, D.D., of Detroit; Rev. William A. Bartlett, D.D., of Washington; Rev. Simon J. McPherson, D.D., of Chicago; Rev. William C. Young, D.D., of Danville; Rev. Samuel A. Mitchmore, D.D., of Philadelphia; Rev. William Alexander of San Rafael, Cal., and Elder George Junkin of Philadelphia. Drs. McPherson and Christie and Elder Junkin attempted to withdraw, but were not allowed to do so, and voting proceeded. The result was announced as follows:

Dr. Young Chosen.

Total vote cast, 544. This was divided thus: Christie 16, Smith 33, Radcliffe 149, Bartlett 17, McPherson 107, Young 128, Mitchmore 83, Alexander 8 and Junkin 3. The moderator accordingly announced no election.

The second ballot resulted: Christie 1, Smith 5, Radcliffe 156, McPherson 131, Young 182, Mutchmore 48, Alexander 2 and Junkin 1.

At this point Mutchmore, Smith and Christie were allowed to retire, while all but three were retired by the assembly. The final ballot resulted in a total vote of 525, distributed thus: McPherson 98, Radcliffe 159 and Young 268.

This being five more than the number necessary to a choice, Dr. Young was declared elected, and was escorted to the chair by Dr. Christie and Elder Junkin.

Dr. Rihieldofer welcomed the newly elected Moderator in a neat speech, in which he referred to the probability of a peaceful session on account of the fact that this is a "pacific" assembly.

A Significant Speech.

Dr. Young responded in a speech which is regarded as somewhat significant. He professed to believe that his election was largely due to geographical reasons, and that he was chosen because he held views which are shared by every minister south of the Ohio River. He further said that no part of the church is more loyal to the church and its standards than that represented by him. "It stands for the Bible," he said, "as that Bible is interpreted by this part of the church." He closed by expressing the prayer that the sessions of the assembly may be under the guidance of a power higher than mere human wisdom.

The intervals of counting the vote were occupied with routine business and in the preparation of a telegram to ex-Moderator Green, expressing the regret of the assembly at his inability to be present, thanking him for his sermon of the morning and wishing him a prolonged and useful life.

It wanted only a few minutes of 6 when the assembly adjourned, tired out in mind and body.

A brief interval only was allowed for recuperation before the assembly gathered again in the church for the celebration of the sacrament.

The work of the new moderator during the night will be arduous in the extreme, as he will have to select the members of nineteen committees, to be announced the first thing in the morning.

Honors From Napa College.

NAPA, May 19.—The commencement exercises of Napa College were concluded today. Degrees were conferred as follows: Master of Arts, R. D. Hunt; Bachelor of Science, F. E. Tuck; Bachelor of Painting, Louise A. Martin; Bachelor of Arts, I. C. Hatch. The board of trustees also conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Rev. John Coyle. Rev. E. R. Dille of Oakland, Robert Husband of San Francisco and S. M. Tool were elected trustees. J. N. Beard, D.D., was re-elected president and C. W. Treat was chosen vice-president.

PLAYED LIKE MACHINES.

A Magnificent Ball Game at the City of Angels.

LOS ANGELES, May 19.—Roach pitched a magnificent game to-day against San Jose, allowing only four hits and striking out four men at critical times. His support was perfect, and the Dukes made their only run in the fourth inning on a two-bagger by Everett, a wild pitch and a single by Ebright. Glenalvin will probably not be able to play this week and Stafford covers second base. Los Angeles won the game in the first inning on singles by Wright, McCauley and Newman, and errors by McVey, Clark and Harper. Harper then settled down and the locals were unable to connect with the ball, both teams playing the remainder of the game like machines. It was a most scientific exhibition, among the features being the work of both pitchers and the fielding of Everett, Hassamer, Stafford and Treadway. McDermott umpired a perfect game, not a single kick being registered against his decisions. Following is the official score:

AT LOS ANGELES, MAY 19, 1892.

LOS ANGELES.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Wright, c. f.	4	0	1	0	1	0	0
Treadway, l. f.	4	1	1	0	4	0	0
McCauley, 1 b.	4	1	1	0	7	0	0
Hassamer, s. s.	4	1	0	0	2	4	0
Stafford 2 b.	4	0	0	0	7	2	0
Newman, r. f.	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
Rogers, c.	4	0	0	0	6	1	0
Hulen, 3 b.	3	0	1	0	0	2	0
Roach, p.	3	0	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	33	3	7	0	27	10	0

SAN JOSES.	A.B.	R.	B.H.	S.B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Everett, s. s.	4	1	1	0	0	5	0
McVey, c. f.	4	0	0	0	2	0	1
Ebright, 2 b.	4	0	2	0	6	3	0
Dooley, 1 b.	3	0	0	0	12	1	0
Denny, 3 b.	3	0	0	0	3	3	0
Clark, c.	3	0	0	0	3	1	1
Stallings, c. f.	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
McGucken, l. f.	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Harper, p.	3	0	0	0	0	2	1
Totals	30	1	4	0	27	15	3

RUNS BY INNINGS.

Los Angeles	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Base hits	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	
San Joses	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Base hits	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	

Two-base hits—Everett and Stallings. First base on errors—Los Angeles 1. First base on called balls—By Harper 1. Left on bases—Los Angeles 1, San Joses 1. Struck out—By Harper 2, by Roach 4. Double play—Denny to Ebright to Dooley. Wild pitches—By Roach 1, by Harper 1. Time of game—1 hour and 35 minutes. Umpire—Sandy McDermott. Scorer—J. Will Lysons.

EASTERN GAMES.

The Brooklyn Bridegrooms Defeat the Bostons by Hard Hitting.

BROOKLYN, May 19.—The strong batting of the Brooklyns won. The game was called in the ninth on account of rain. Brooklyns 6, hits 8. Bostons 4, hits 5, errors 6. Batteries—Haddock and Kinslow; Stivetts and Bennett.

NEW YORK, May 19.—The Giants' superior work at the bat gave them the game, which was stopped in the ninth. New Yorks 3, hits 7, errors 1. Baltimores 1, hits 4, errors 1. Batteries—King and Boyle, Cobb and Gunson.

LOUISVILLE, May 19.—The visitors won an interesting game in which both Meekin and Gleason played poorly. Louisvilles 7, hits 8. St. Louis 8, hitts 11, errors 5. Batteris—Meekin and Grim, Gleason and Buckley.

PITTSBURG, May 19.—The Homers won a close and exciting game in the ninth on three solid hits. Pittsburgs 3, hits 9, errors 5. Cincinnatis 1, hits 4, errors 6. Batteries—Baldwin and Miller, Chamberlain and Murphy.

CHICAGO, May 19.—All the Western Association games and the League games at Chicago and Philadelphia were postponed on account of rain.

Northwest League.

SPOKANE, May 19.—Spokanes 10, Portlands 8.

TACOMA, May 19.—Tacomas 28, Seattles 5.

Prosperous Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, May 19.—The delinquent tax list of Sacramento County for the current fiscal year is but $500 on a roll of upward of $50,000,000. This speaks well for the prosperity of the county, as well as for the new system of semi-annual collections.

To the Grand Canyon.

FLAGSTAFF, May 19. — The new stage line from Flagstaff to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado was opened on Monday by a trip made by W. A. Bissell and party. The trip was made in 11 hours, fresh teams being provided at three relay stations.

Served Him Right.

SANTA ROSA, May 19.—H. Curry, the self-convicted cattle-thief, has been sentenced to four years in Folsom.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

The first photographs produced in England were taken in 1802.

Cast iron melts and flows like water when subjected to a degree of heat greater than 2788.

The Pikes Peak telephone line is said to be eclipsed in altitude by a line that crosses the Andes, on the trans-Andean Railroad, at an elevation of about 16,500 feet above sea level.

The latest novelty in yacht building will be an aluminum vessel of 32 feet in length, which Mr. Wells of Leith has received orders to build. The boat will not be painted, but polished when necessary.

Dynamite has been superseded in Sweden for blasting purposes. Electric wires are introduced in the rock and then heated. The sudden heating of the rock rends it in pieces, quietly and effectively, without peril to human life.

Every year 1500 to 2000 Portuguese men and women are landed in Boston and New Bedford, and there is a large colony of Portuguese in California, supporting numerous churches, besides a literary review and a weekly paper.

Complaint is made at the present high price of camphor gum. While a few years ago the gum sold for 19 to 25 cents a pound, it now sells from 55 to 75 cents. This rise in price is due to the use of camphor gum in the manufacture of smokeless powder in both Europe and America.

Recent tests made under the auspices of the Royal Philosophical Society with a single barley stalk unfolded wonders which but few have ever thought even possible. By steeping and watering that one plant with saltpeter dissolved in rainwater they managed to produce 249 stalks and over 18,000 grains.

It is an interesting fact, that out of 16 cities of over 200,000 population in the United States, 14, or over 87 per cent, are using the electric railway system of equipping roads with the system. And out of 42 cities, with populations ranging from 200,000 to 50,000, all but one are using the electric railway system.

An important article of trade in Morocco is loaf sugar, which is in general demand for presents. Every person approaching a superiey, whose favor or good will it is desired to propitiate, is bound to bring a gift. He cannot appear empty-handed, and the form that is most commonly taken by the gift is loaf sugar.

A Derby (Conn.) woman, whose word is not to be doubted, tells the oddest hen story of the season. She put 15 eggs under her hen and obtained 16 fine chicks. In the nest, besides, were two eggs that were not hatched and two more in which dead chicks were found. The problem has been given to the local school children to solve.

The works of a distinguished Japanese painter are on exhibition in London and are greatly admired. His name is Watanebe Seftei, and he is a native of Tokio. Some of his paintings have already been exhibited in Paris and praised by the French critics. It was he who, five years ago, painted the ceiling panels for the imperial palace in Tokio.

It is unlucky to try on your bridal dress before the bridal day; to see your future husband on the day of the marriage until the ceremony. Unlucky to marry out of your own position—that is, a lady to a marry a servant, or vice versa; unequal marriages bring ungrateful children. To bring flowering hawthorne into a house denotes a death in a family.

Hugh Farrell, who is not a very large man, attempted to drink 20 quarts of milk on a wager in Middletown. He had 10 hours to do it in, but after drinking 18 quarts he thought he had made a custard of himself and gave it up. He was able to go to work the next morning, although he tried to find a way out of doing so.

The Ainos of Japan burn their dead and place the ashes in a prayer-house next to their dwelling. The prayer-house is made of deals, and is generally more than two feet high, and in it the ancestral tablet is placed. This tablet consists of a long upright plank, cut slantingly at the upper end and tied around with six loops. At the foot lie a fish and two tobacco leaves.

The population of the city of Rome, which, by the census of 1881, was 273,000, is now over 500,000, having nearly doubled within the past 10 years. Since the city became the capital of United Italy thousands of new edifices have been built, and it has been greatly changed otherwise. The seven hills themselves are undergoing a process of leveling and the valleys are being filled in.

AN APPALLING EXPLOSION.

The Fate That Befell the Good Ship St. Charles.

THE CARELESSNESS OF TWO SAILORS.

They Took a Lighted Lamp Into Her Hold and the Next Moment Her Deck Was Literally Blown Into the Sea.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

NEWPORT, Oregon, May 19.—Last night, at 6:30 o'clock, three boats, containing 19 men, came in sight at Cape Foulweather. The men were the crew of the ship St. Charles, which blew up on Tuesday morning, about 100 miles north and west of this place. The captain, second mate and one sailor are badly injured. The St. Charles left Nanaimo, British Columbia, on last Friday morning, with a cargo of 2800 tons of coal, for San Francisco.

On Tuesday morning two of the men opened the forward hatch and went below for something, taking a light with them. Scarcely had they reached the coal when the gas exploded, and literally tore the deck and after cabin into splinters. The timbers were blown a hundred feet into the sea, and one part of the deck was left hanging over the side of the ship.

Captain Chapman was in his room and was thrown against the ceiling with terrible force, and as he fell back was covered with debris. His door could not be opened, but the men broke the window and pulled the captain out from under the wreck. His injuries are probably fatal. He is paralyzed and delirious.

The second mate and the sailors are seriously burned and bruised. The boats were uninjured, and all of the crew got into them when the ship was found to be on fire and sinking because of the hole blown in her stern. The crew rigged a sail when they got clear of the ship and ran the boats together.

Had the boats approached the cape an hour later the entire crew would have been lost, as no one could have seen them to direct them where to land, and, not knowing the coast, they probably would have been dashed on the rocks.

The cargo was consigned to John Rosenfeld's Sons of this city. It was fully insured, and was worth about $9000. The St. Charles was built at Phippsburg, Me., in 1883, and was owned by C. V. Minott of that place. She was 225 feet long, 41 feet 6 inches beam and 24 feet 8 inches depth of hold and full rigged.

ENFORCING EXCLUSION.

Money Needed to Defray Expenses of Chinese Registration.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Assistant Secretary Spaulding has written a letter to Representative Loud of California expressing the opinion that $160,000 will be required for the Chinese exclusion act, approved on the 5th inst., of which $50,000 will be needed to defray the expenses of registration. He estimates the expense of enforcing the provision in regard to the imprisonment of Chinese convicted of unlawful entry at the rate of $200 per capita, or a total estimated expense of $50,000 per annum. He suggests that provision for these expenditures be made in the sundry civil appropriation bill.

The Atlantic Aroused.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., May 19.—A violent storm is raging along the coast and terribly high seas prevail. Rain is falling in torrents and is driven in blinding sheets along the beach. An unknown schooner was ashore opposite the Beach House to-night. It is reported that the crew leaped overboard and reached the shore in safety.

The waves have made a cut into the bluff at Long Branch, but the bulkhead below the fissure withstands the assaults of the sea.

Will Not Sell the Mine.

NEW YORK, May 19.—J. B. Haggin says, regarding the recent rumor that a party of home capitalists were looking up the status of the Anaconda mine with reference to the purchase of two-thirds of the stock on a basis of $20,000,000 for the entire property: "There's no option on the Anaconda, nor is any one negotiating for its purchase, and as far as I know, no one is in the market for it. The property will continue in operation throughout the year."

SPORTING EVENTS.

The Childs and Smith Fight—The California Club Election.

This evening the Pastime Club, under new management, will give its monthly entertainment. The managers have arranged a good programme and everything looks promising for a good night's sport. Billy Smith will meet George Childs in a "go" to a finish. Smith is a favorite in the betting, although there is considerable money from Los Angeles due here to-day, which will be placed on Childs. Smith's seconds will be Martin Murphy, Patsy Hogan and Billy O'Donnell. Childs will be esquired by Martin, "the Black Pearl," Frank Kelly and Chocolate Jones. Previous to this event the club has arranged for a 10-round "go" between two local fighters.

Dal Hawkins is in splendid condition, and he will sell a strong favorite against Sol Smith on the 24th inst.

Members of the California Athletic Club, with very few exceptions, have stated that they will vote for the regular ticket. They place but little faith in tickets gotten up to injure members on the regular ticket. The question, "Shall the new board take office immediately after election?" will be printed on the election tickets, and the written answers to this query will decide the matter.

Meagher's Romance.

William C. Meagher, the Adonis of the amateur stage, has taken to himself a wife. Wednesday night at an entertainment given by the Western Addition Club Mr. Meagher posed as a leading character in the "Living Statue." Yesterday morning he eloped from the Western Addition with Katherine R. Ladd and was married. The young lady's mother did not sanction the match, but that made no difference. The wedding trousseau was quietly made and Miss Ladd, who had been keeping company with Meagher for several years, left her home with her prospective husband. The young couple afterward called on Mrs. Ladd, asked her forgiveness and then took the train for New York.

Young Men's Republican Club.

The Young Men's Republican Club of the Thirty-fourth Assembly District has been organized by the election of the following named as officers: P. Dieter, president; John Burke, vice-president; W. Quirk, financial secretary; Charles de la Fontaine, secretary; John Dieter, treasurer, and W. Mischel, sergeant-at-arms.

Loud Republican Club.

A meeting of the Loud Republican club was held last evening at Medical Hall, 115 Haight street, when the following named were elected delegates to the California Tariff League: T. D. Jones (chairman), ex-Judge M. Cooney, H. Mayer, A. Bell, S. S. Morton, M. Anthony, Charles Carter and S. Wilcox.

Marshal Long's Trip.

United States Marshal Long left yesterday for New Mexico in charge of James Staples, the counterfeiter, arrested by Detective Harris in Eureka a few days ago. Staples will be taken to Albuquerque, from which place he escaped, and will be put on trial in that city.

IT WAS WOUND UP.

A Gentleman Thief Betrayed by an Alarm Clock.

The alarm clock is coming to the front in a manner that is, to say the least, a little surprising. It is seemingly taking a fiendish revenge on men and women for the pangs it has suffered at the hands and feet of irate people whose slumbers it has disturbed. A few days ago a wedding was enlivened and the guests well-nigh stampeded by a little alarm clock that had some way got tangled up in the bride's dress. And now comes a story from New York of how one of the little things played detective and caught a thief: John Savage, a colored man of 86 Catharine street, when he awakened this morning, found that the two pillows from under his head and the little alarm-clock which stood on the mantelshelf had both mysteriously disappeared. Savage opened the door and cried "Thief!" at the top of his lungs, says the New York Evening Sun, until everybody in the tenement house came rushing into his room to see what all the row was about.

Among the first of his friends to come to his assistance was Jacob White. Mr. White had his winter coat on and his manner was somewhat perturbed. The room was ransacked from top to bottom to see if by any possible chance the clock and the pillows could have hidden themselves away. Whenever there was a pause in the proceedings the ears of the searchers were greeted by a most mysterious tick-tick-tick.

It seemed to emanate from the vicinity of Mr. White. Everybody pricked his ears up and waited to hear it again. But so happened that whenever a hush fell upon the crowd Mr. White would suddenly be seized with a fit of coughing which lasted until persons began to chat again. It was a muffled sort of a tick when heard.

When the search for the missing articles proved unsuccessful, Mr. White commiserated with his unfortunate friend and proceeded to take his departure. As he reached the door a most unholy rumbling was heard in his overcoat pocket. The alarm clock, which was there concealed, lifted up its voice and rang. Mr. White fled precipitately, but a dozen hands were laid upon him, the clock was jerked out of his pocket and Mr. White was marched off to the Tombs.

JOE JEFFERSON RATTLED.

The Old Actor Tells About a Peculiar Experience.

New York Commercial Advertiser.

"Was I ever broken up on the stage?" said Joseph Jefferson recently, in answer to a query on that point. "Well, I can recall one instance that lingers vividly in my memory, although it happened years ago.

"We were playing 'Rip' through the South, and in the course of our travels we encountered Columbus, Ga. The local theater was nothing but a very barren hall with a row of posts running directly down the center of it, and the stock scenery included only a pair of very queer prison wings and a lot of odd flats.

"Our production of 'Rip' in those days was confined to the George III inn sign and the shutter on which Rip's score is chalked up. These we carried with us, but for everything else in the line of scenery and stage setting we depended upon the house at which we played.

"Five minutes upon the stage of the Columbus Theater showed us that a brilliant display of inventive genius and some rapid work would be necessary in order to ring up the curtain at night.

"My son Charlie took the matter in hand and at 8:30 that evening the first act began in a scene that looked more like a distant view of Pittsburg than the village of Falling Water.

"Rip's home in the second was represented by a palace interior left behind by some defunct opera company, but the mountain scene in the third was at least plausible in its appearance.

"'Emerald household soap is the best' was the legend that one of them displayed, 'MacEntee's yeast' adorned the second, and the announcement, 'You can't beat Collins' canned goods' was on the third.

"The audience, evidently thinking it was all part of the play, sat in interested silence as the curtain slowly descended to the strains of the 'Midsummer Night's Dream.'

"As for me, I almost became hysterical."

From Their Point of View.

Boston Journal.

A conspicuous sign on a conspicuous corner in Boston, running from the upper story to the bottom of the windows on the second floor, conveys the information that "Clothing of Every Description for Ladies and Gentlemen Retailed here on Credit." An old lady and gentleman, who evidently hailed from "way back," were on an incoming electric-car the other morning, and sitting in the front corner were taking in all the unusual scenes. The car happened to make a brief halt in such a position that the roof of the front end prevented the old gentleman from seeing the top of the sign referred to. All he could see from his seat was "Ladies and Gentlemen Retailed Here on Credit."

"Well, du tell, 'Mandy; did ye ever hear anything like it! Boston must be an amazin' queer city. Just look at that sign."

'Mandy peered over her spectacles and exclaimed:

"Awful, isn't it, Jabez; never heard anything like it in my life," and the car moved on its way.

A Messenger in the Sky.

New York Tribune.

Professor Swift of Rochester thinks that the latest arrived comet has been 8,000,000 years in getting here. In view of such figures as these is it not time to call in jokes aimed at the movements of the district messenger boy?

OBITUARY NOTES.

HON. ENRIQUE TORIELLO.

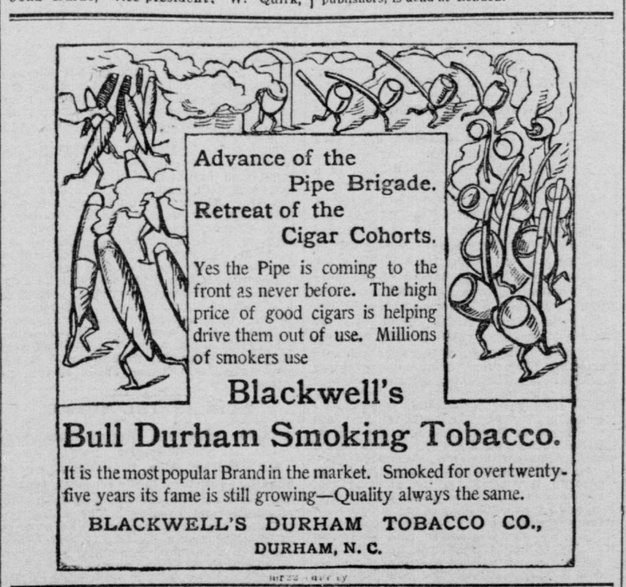
Hon. Enrique Toriello, the Guatemalan Consul in this city, died yesterday after a brief illness. He was a native of Guatemala, 50 years of age. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning from the Spanish Catholic Church, where a requiem mass will be celebrated for his repose at 9:30 o'clock. The interment will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery.

JOHN A. ANDERSON.

The Department of State has received a cablegram announcing the death at Liverpool yesterday of John A. Anderson, United States Consul-General at Cairo, Egypt.

JAMES R. OSGOOD.

James R. Osgood of Osgood, McIlvaine & Co., publishers, is dead at London.



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George H. Fogg, the well-known Notary Public of 1471 Broadway, in the course of conversation, stated these facts: "About five or six years ago I was suffering from a disease of the kidneys, which troubled me for a year or so