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DEMOCRATIC PARTY HARMONIOUS AND HOPEFUL.

It requires no extraordinary keenness of perception to see in the trend of things at the Jefferson Day banquet in Washington Wednesday night that a changed spirit has come over the Democratic party and its leaders. Gathered about the board was an array of many of the foremost men of the Democratic party, drawn from every section of the country. It was peculiarly an assemblage of representative Democrats, one such as it would have been difficult to get together in any other place than the Capital of the Nation, at a time when Congress was in session.

For many years the Democratic party has been so used to defeat after defeat that the hopeful pre-election predictions of its chiefs have fallen flat, and have, as a rule, seemed forced and empty. But that is not the case now. Through all the speeches at the banquet there ran a remarkable note of harmony and expressions of hope and confidence in victory next fall that were both sincere and well-founded. The course of political events recently has unquestionably been such as to foreshadow a Democratic victory, not only as to the House of Representatives, but as to numerous Legislatures and State tickets. Not only do Democrats feel this, but Republican leaders have got to the point where they make no effort to conceal the fact that the outlook is distinctly Democratic.

In contrast to the pulling and hauling apart which is so characteristic of the followers of Jefferson, the tendency at the Jefferson Day function was toward getting together and sinking past differences. Not the least significant event of the gathering was the declaration of John Temple Graves formally declaring the Hearst Independence League back in the Democratic ranks. Representative Foss of Massachusetts, who lately won a signal victory in the Fourteenth district, was present, and stirred the guests to great enthusiasm when he declared the tariff measure recently passed was a burden, and that the people of Massachusetts wanted protection against the Payne-Aldrich law.

It may be that the Republican party, with its superb capacity for closing up its ranks, under fire, will yet be able to save itself from defeat. But the omens are not favorable for it. The voters of the country are showing evidences of having wearied of the long and successful efforts of a coterie of selfish machine leaders and bosses to dominate the course of legislation and of government. They are showing many signs of protesting by their votes and throwing control to the Democrats.

But in this situation there is one thing the Democratic leaders will do well to remember. The protest of which there are so many symptoms in this country is against Republican leadership, less than against Republican principles. Unless the Democratic leaders are prepared to undertake a policy of broad and constructive legislation and go forward in matters of government instead of backward, their regime, under any circumstances, will be short-lived.

THE CENSUS AND THE DUTY OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

Whether there is an accurate census taken depends upon the way the people receive the census takers. The enumerators will begin their rounds on Friday. Their work will be made just as arduous or just as easy as the public chooses to make it. If they are treated as interlopers, as poking their noses into other people's business, the result of their labors will be unsatisfactory.

It is the fullness of the information they gather which counts, and their statistics will determine each city's standing in population, in manufactures, its death rate and its birth rate, its rank in various other important particulars.

Every intelligent citizen should feel it his duty to aid in making the census complete. Every employer of labor—especially of foreign labor, which may be suspicious of the purpose for which the information is gathered—should take opportunity to impress upon his employes their obligation to return truthful answers to the questions asked.

Census-taking is peculiarly a work which needs co-operation. It is done for our own benefit. The Government does it for the people, which means that the people do it for themselves. It is an expensive undertaking for which we are spending our money, and whether we get value received for it depends largely on whether the individual citizen understands that it is part of his business to see that the work is well done.

A GRIM FIGHT FOR A POLITICAL BOSS.

It is a significant indication of aroused moral sentiment that the press of the country is taking an active interest in the campaign in the Rochester, N. Y., Congressional district to fill the seat made vacant by the death of James B. Perkins. The nomination of George W. Aldridge by the Republicans in the face of recent disclosures at Albany is viewed as a defiance of the sentiment which is demanding a higher order of things in the political world, and, although the district is overwhelmingly Republican, there is some hope that another upset, like that recently witnessed in Massachusetts, may be brought about.

Aidridge is one of the four or five big bosses of New York State politics. The fact that he is charged with, and admits, accepting $1,000—the money being given to the campaign fund—for lending his influence in insurance legislation at Albany may have caused some persons to think of him as a common, ordinary grafter. The thing was indefensible and should have prevented his nomination; but that public sentiment has not yet reached the goal of perfection is shown by the support Aldridge is receiving in his home city.

However, the man is one of the leading citizens of Rochester, a member of its best clubs, and, though referred to as a political boss, he is not the type usually brought to mind by the designation. He is in the class with Woodruff of New York, Hendricks of Syracuse, Barnes of Albany, and a few others who, until recently, dominated New York politics.

It would be a mistake, therefore, to look upon Aldridge's nomination, bad as it is, as a surrender to a mere ordinary, vulgar, graft-hunting political heeler. This makes the revolt against him all the more significant. It is an indication that a higher standard has been set up for public office and that people everywhere are demanding that loftier ideals be lived up to. Whether or not Aldridge is pulled through by the majority in his district and by his own personal popularity, the outspoken indignation at his nomination is a fine indication that the public conscience has become alert to acts which a short time ago would have caused only mild surprise and little protest.

DESCRIBING THE BIG GAME IN PLAIN ENGLISH.

The beginning of the baseball season has inspired the Albany (N. Y.) Evening Journal to suggest that some sporting writer might achieve distinction by writing up a baseball game in good, straightaway English instead of the slang which has become the vernacular of the diamond. The suggestion was made in a more or less facetious vein, but a number of newspapers have taken it up and are discussing it from various points of view.

The consensus of opinion seems to be that a baseball story in unimpeachable English would be odd enough to be interesting, but that as a steady diet it would soon pall upon the "fans," who have become accustomed to that slang which is so distinctively a part of the atmosphere of the game. It conveys more to their minds to say that the man at the plate slapped the pellet for four bags than gravely to announce that the batter knocked a ball which enabled him to score a home run. The "bunt" and the "bush leaguer" have become intimately interwoven with the speech of today. The "nicknames" of the teams have practically superseded the names of the towns whose tags they bear, and lend life and color to the descriptive story. This so-called slang, when it is spontaneous, makes for brevity. It presents a picture in a word.

The strained effort to coin words—to run amuck, in short—is always to be regretted. We find many such offenders in the ranks of sporting writers, and they are to be condemned, here as elsewhere. But the diamond has a language of its own that is universally understood, and those who use it with a decent amount of reserve add to the picturesqueness of their descriptions and to the pleasure of their readers.

The suffragists showed awfully poor publicity judgment in fixing the time of their meeting coincident with the resumption of activities in the great American game.

In all of Myron T. Herrick's talk of extravagance by state and nation, there is no hint that he would be overpaid if he drew the salary of the governorship of Ohio.

The judge who says it's better to take a man home than to jail when he is drunk must have great confidence in the corrective power of the wife's wrath.

In spite of the testimony of experts that it is the best in the world, the cold storage egg may still expect to be met by frowns at the breakfast table.

It is not reported whether, during the winter, the Amalgamated Association of Baseball Umpires devised any new methods of dodging pop bottles.

No fitting comment can be made on the spectacle of Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot being in the same town and having nothing to say.

Nobody has been able to invent a political machine which will not stop running when given too high a charge of grafting.

The insurgent thread by which the Damoclean sword is suspended over the Speaker's desk is said to be quivering frightfully.

When Mr. Swift married Miss Hurry in New York, it was remarked that he must have given her quite a rush.

If somebody will show us how to put the butcher bills into cold storage for nine months, all will be forgiven.

The seed catalogues and the baseball schedules are rated among the six best sellers in literature just now.

It may safely be assumed that Mr. La Follette and Mr. Wickersham did not go to the same law school.

The Census Bureau is apparently free from superstition about starting things on Friday.

The pointers with pride far outnumbered the viewers with alarm last evening.

As a carrier of messages to Garcia Pinchot must be acknowledged a huge success.

Dr. Cook must have buried his Mt. McKinley records in a brass tube also.

In only a few days now the fly-swatter will again be in his element.

Executive clemency in Tennessee is another modern curiosity.

Any candidate who can play baseball would be acceptable now.

The dying grandmother season opens today.

And there was no skeleton at the feast, either.

The Democratic banquet fairly oozed harmony.

Play ball!

DANGER IN RADIUM, DOCTORS DECLARE

LONDON, April 14.—Serious warning or danger in the uses of radium were uttered at the last meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine.

One of the most renowned British experts on cancer warned the members of the society that clinical workers with radium may ultimately find that instead of curing what they think is cancer, they have succeeded in producing cancer.

Another leading expert observed that after years of experience he had never known deep-seatd cancer to be influenced by radium, and it was declared that the "cancers" which had been cured by radium were indistinguishable from mere ordinary inflamed tissue.

HIS DESCRIPTION.

Penley (stuck for a word)—Let's see! What is that you call a man who marries more than one wife?"

Grump—An idiot, I call him.—Boston Transcript.

NOT COMPLAINING.

"Do you believe in fate?" he asked, as he snuggled closer.

"Well," answered the girl, "I believe that what's going to happen will happen."—Cornell Widow.

Census Pointers

The census begins April 15 and must be completed in fifteen days.

The enumerators will wear a badge inscribed "United States Census, 1910."

The law requires every adult person to furnish the prescribed information, but also provides that it shall be treated confidentially, so that no injury can come to any person from answering the questions.

The enumerators, prior to April 15, will distribute to every family a blank or schedule. This should be filled up by the head of the family. It should, if possible, be done not later than the morning of April 15, but if any one has been unable to fill it up by that time, he should do it as soon afterward as he can.

People who do not speak English or who do not understand the schedule completely should get help from others, if possible, in filling it up.

The President has issued a proclamation, calling on all citizens to cooperate in the census and assuring them that it has nothing to do with taxation, army or jury service, compulsory school attendance, regulation of immigration, or enforcement of any law, and that no one can be injured by answering the inquiries.

It is of the utmost importance that the census of this city be complete and correct.

Therefore the head of every family should promptly, fully, and accurately fill up the "family schedule" before it is called for by the enumerator.

What's on the Program Tonight in Washington

Indiana Society meeting and entertainment, Pythian Temple, 8 p. m.
Socialists' meeting, Flynn's Hall, Eighth and K streets, 8 p. m.
Talk by Louis Brownlow on the recent political campaign in England, National Press Club, 10 p. m.
Indoor circus and side show, Y. M. C. A., 8:30 p. m.
Meeting of class presidents of George Washington University, Dr. Needham's office, 8:15 p. m.
Sportsman's show, Light Infantry Armory, Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue.
Dog show, the Arcade, Fourteenth street and Park road.
Monthly meeting of the Brotherhood of the First Congregational Church, Tenth and G streets, 8 p. m.
Dr. Thomas Elmer, free stereopticon lecture on the Florida Everglades reclamation project, 8 p. m., 1211 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, over Haas'. Take elevator.

Theaters.

National—"Follies of 1909," 8:15 p. m.
Belasco—"The Midnight Sons," 8:20 p. m.
Columbia—"Bobby Burnit," 8:15 p. m.
Chase's—Polite vaudeville, 8:15 p. m.
Casino—Continuous vaudeville.
Academy—"Lion and the Mouse," 8:15 p. m.
Majestic—Vaudeville and motion pictures, 7 to 11 p. m.
Lyceum—"Dreamlands," 8:15 p. m.
Gayety—"Golden Crook," 8:15 p. m.
Masonic Auditorium—Motion pictures and vaudeville, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.
Arcade—Midway and other attractions.

(The Times will be pleased to announce meetings and entertainments in this column. Phone or write announcements.)

Capital Tales.

A Maryland Product.

MARYLAND has a budding statesman in Congress, yet unknown to fame, but with ambitions which will some day make the Third ward of Baltimore rise up and take notice.

The budding statesman is Simon Sobeloff, a Hebrew youth, a page in the House of Representatives and the protege of John Kronmiller, of Maryland. He came to Washington six weeks ago, and today knows more Representatives by name than any page in the House.

Simon is fifteen years old. His home is in the Third ward of Baltimore. He left City College to come to Washington and be a page. He wanted to associate intimately with statesmanship and he wanted to size up Congressional brains at close range. He applied to Representative Kronmiller and got the job.

At home Simon is a stump speaker. He has taken part in one Presidential campaign and made three speeches in his ward in defense of the tariff. He is now making a study of the railroad bill and is absorbing the arguments in the Congressional Record for and against the measure.

When seen in the House today Simon consented to an interview. He was introduced by Mr. Kronmiller to the reporter and referred to as the "smartest page in Congress."

"Yes, sir; I made stump speeches," said Simon, "in the last campaign, and am going to make some more. I talked about the tariff and spoke in favor of it.

"I want to be a statesman. I mean to make more speeches when I go back home, and will defend the railroad bill. I think it is a fine bill. I am reading all that they say about it and I think it ought to pass."

Regardless of the fact that Simon has only been on his present job six weeks, he knows every member of the House and about all of them know him. Mr. Kronmiller thinks he is a boy prodigy and is going to call upon his page to help him out in his campaign for reelection.

Ollie James as Claquer

IF Ollie James of Kentucky ever missed an opportunity to make a Democratic demonstration in the House no one ever heard of the incident. When it comes to taking advantage of circumstances favorable to his party, and getting the word "Applause" well distributed in the Congressional Record James is there with bells on.

"James," said one of his colleagues, "would make a hit as stage manager. He would be sure to think of some stunt which would bring down the house."

The latest performance of the intimate friend of William Jennings Bryan occurred when Eugene N. Foss, the erstwhile Republican who was elected as a Democrat in a Republican district in Massachusetts, was taking the oath of office. The Democrats had planned to give Foss a great reception. They proposed to make a demonstration which would indicate that the election of Foss had a significance of country-wide importance.

Evidently Democrats and Republicans either forgot that Foss was to be sworn in or were indifferent about the matter. When James reached the House there was only a handful of members present and these, of course, could not make the demonstration which the Kentuckian had been looking forward to. It was necessary, therefore, to get more members into the chamber.

The clerk had scarcely begun reading the journal when James made the point of no quorum. The reading was suspended, the Speaker began to count and messengers were sent scurrying into corridors and committee rooms ordering members into the House. By the time the Speaker finished counting members were streaming in through half a dozen doors.

"Uncle Joe" announced that a quorum was present and James sat down with a satisfied smile as he observed the full attendance. When Foss stepped to the Speaker's desk to take the oath of office James started the noise and he had plenty of assistance. Faithful readers of the Congressional Record will find that applause greeted the newly elected Democrat before he took the oath of office and afterward.

Penrose the Star Walker.

SENATOR BOIES PENROSE never rides on anything if he can help it. He abhors automobiles and carriages, and cannot abide a street car.

Morning after morning, the Pennsylvanian briskly walks from his apartments at the Willard to his office at the Capitol, and afternoon after afternoon he walks back again. He is the star walker of the Senate. He walks to the theater, to dinner at the home of a friend, anywhere, everywhere, he can whether the weather is good or bad.

The Senator looks as if he might have been a rail splitter in his early days. He is of powerful frame, the tallest man in the Senate, the broadest-shouldered, and when he does not wear his spectacles, he is just about the handsomest.

Maybe the vigor of the Senator's magnificent health has had much to do with gaining for him one of the most powerful political organizations in any State in the country. He is the undisputed boss of Pennsylvania Republicanism.

ONLY A COMPROMISE.

Freddie—What is philanthrophy, dad.

Cobwigger—Compromising with your conscience for a few cents on the dollar, my son.—Puck.

CONCERT BY THE SOLDIERS' HOME BAND
AT BAND STAND.
Tomorrow Afternoon at 4 o'clock.
John S. M. Zimmermann, Director.

PROGRAM.

March, "The National Fencibles," Sousa.
Overture, "The Merry Wives of Windsor" .....Nicolai
Song for baritone, "There Is a Green Hill Far Away"....Gounod
Musician, G. Glove (request).
Grand section, "Norma" (request) .....Bellini
Idyl, "The Glow Worm" (request), Lincke
Gems from "The Midnight Sons," Howard
Waltz suite, "Tales From the Vienna Woods".....Strauss
Finale, "An American Thoroughbred" .....Brown

Mrs. George F. Huff Entertains In Honor of Mrs. James R. McKee

Wife of Pennsylvania Representative Hostess at Luncheon Today.

Miss Katherine Clabaugh Honor Guest of Miss Alexandrine Fitch.

George F. Huff, wife of Representative Huff of Pennsylvania, was hostess at luncheon today in honor of Mrs. James Robert McKee, of New York.

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Miss Alexandrine Fitch entertained at luncheon today, having as the guest of honor, Miss Katherine Clabaugh, whose marriage to George Beale Bloomer takes place Saturday. The guests included the bridal party.

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Minister Postpones Date of Departure.

The Minister of Chile and Mme. Cruz, who intended to sail for Europe tomorrow, have postponed the date of their departure.

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Baron Louis Ambrozy, charge d'affaires of Austro-Hungary, has gone to New York to meet his successor, Baron Loewenthal-Linau, and his bride, who are due to arrive from France in a day or two. The party will come direct to Washington.

Baron Ambrozy has made arrangements for a cotillion Monday evening, at which he will introduce the new charge d'affaires and the baroness, and bid farewell to his friends here, prior to his departure for Europe, April 26.

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Mrs. J. Van Vechten Olcott has returned to Washington after a short visit to New York.

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Mme. Chermont, wife of the first secretary of the Brazilian embassy, will return to Washington tomorrow from a brief sojourn at Atlantic City.

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Mrs. Fairchild, wife of Representative Fairchild of New York, is at the New Willard for a few days.

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Invitations Issued for Dedication.

The Governing Board and the Director of the International Bureau of the American Republics have issued cards for the dedicatory exercises of the new building, Seventeenth street and Potomac Park, northwest, Tuesday afternoon, April 26, at 3:15 o'clock. The speakers of the occasion will be the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Ambassador of Mexico, Senator Elihu Root and Andrew Carnegie.

A card is enclosed requesting an immediate response, as otherwise seats cannot be assured.

Cards have also been sent out by the board and the director for a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, when the President will be present, at 9:30 o'clock, the same evening, in celebration of the dedication of the new building.

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Mrs. Barden, wife of Major Barden, was hostess at a bridge party at the barracks yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Morrow, wife of Major Morrow.

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Mrs. Marshall Returns to Washington.

Mrs. Marshall, wife of Brigadier General William L. Marshall, has arrived in Washington from West Point and New York, where she made visits after her return from Panama, several weeks ago. Mrs. Marshall was the guest of Captain and Mrs. Newell in West Point.

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Miss Frances Miller, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben de Mier Miller, will go to Annapolis Saturday to be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Breterton for several days.

Mrs. Swanson Is Guest Of Mrs. Arthur W. Dunn

Mrs. Arthur W. Dunn has as her guest for a few days, Mrs. Swanson, wife of the former Governor of Virginia, who arrived in Washington today.

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Miss Fox Married to C. H. Shaffer.

Miss Dorothy Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane E. Fox, was married to Charles Henry Shaffer last evening at 8 o'clock at the Calvary Baptist Church, the pastor, the Rev. Samuel H. Greene, officiating, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

Easter lilies, palms, and clusters of spring blossoms formed the church decorations.

The bride, who was escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, wore a beautiful gown of white satin with trimmings of thread lace and pearl applique on the bodice. Her tulle veil was arranged with a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of Bride roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Christine Fox, who was her sister's only attendant, wore a pale blue messaline satin gown trimmed with pearls and carried a cluster of white lilacs.

Langdon Moore, was the best man, and the ushers were Dr. Edgar Snowden, Frank Boughton Fox, Judson P. Cull, H. F. Doolittle, Erskine Gordon, and Charles Coffin.

An informal reception in the home of the bride's parents, on Twenty-first street, for the wedding party followed the ceremony at the church, and later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer left Washington for a wedding trip. Mrs. Shaffer traveled in a suit of navy blue serge, with a hat of the same shade.

Upon their return to Washington they will be at home after May 15 at 1300 Harvard street.

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Writers Guests Of Mrs. A. H. Fowler.

Mrs. A. H. Fowler, 1028 Sixteenth street, has as her guests for a few days, Miss Sykes and Miss Mary Maud, of London, England, both well-known writers.

Mrs. Fowler, who has spent very little time in Washington within the last year, has sold her Sixteenth street residence, and has leased 1721 N street, the Hoffman house, and will take possession next fall.

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Mrs. Hunt Slater was hostess at a dinner party last evening in honor of Mrs. Demen Jarves, who is spending some time in Washington, the guest of her mother, Mrs. John P. Jackson.

Invited to meet her were the Swiss Minister and Mme. Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cumming, Mr. and Mrs. Emmons, the charge d'affaires of Turkey, A. Rustem Bey, and the first secretary of the Swedish legation, W. A. F. Ekengren.

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Senator and Mrs. Briggs were among the dinner hosts of last evening.

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Pay Director and Mrs. Martin, of the Navy Yard, entertained informally at dinner last evening in compliment to their house guests, Mrs. Garrett and Miss Vandergrift, of Wilmington, Del.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee were hosts at a dinner party for young people last evening in honor of their house guest, Miss Mary Lodge McKee, a granddaughter of former President Benjamin Harrison. Covers were laid for eighteen.

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Mrs. Walter McLean, wife of Captain McLean, commanding officer of the Vermont, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Tuttle, returned to Washington yesterday from Old Point Comfort, where they spent the week-end. The Vermont is at present stationed at Old Point.

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Miss Anna M. Burchinal and Hubert A. Payne were married at noon today in the parsonage of the Mt. Vernon M. E. Church, the pastor, the Rev. J. Howard Wells, officiating, in the presence of a small party of relatives.

Engagements in New York of Interest to Washington Society.

Misses Frances Lamont and Eleanor Rodewald Are Known at Capital.

Washington society is particularly interested in two recent announcements of engagements in New York, that of Miss Frances Cleveland Lamont, daughter of Mrs. Daniel S. Lamont, to Francis LeBaron Robbins, jr., and that of Miss Eleanor Hoffman Rodewald, to Gerald Moncrieffe Livingston, of St. Paul, Minn.

Miss Lamont is the daughter of the late Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary of War during the Cleveland Administration.

Miss Rodewald is a niece of Mrs. J. Van Vechten Olcott, wife of Representative Olcott, and has been a frequent visitor to Washington, where she has hosts of friends.

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Mrs. Mary Warder, of 1232 Thirty-sixth street, northwest, announces the marriage of Miss Gertrude Warder, to John R. Clark, of Easton, Pa., and New York. The ceremony took place Tuesday afternoon, in the home of the bride's mother. Miss Carrie S. Downey was the bride's only attendant.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark will reside in Washington.

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Miss Margaretta Symons, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Symons, accompanied by Miss Mildred Merrick, arrived in Washington last evening from New York, where they spent several days together. Miss Symons spent several weeks in Pittsburg before going to New York.

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Mrs. Benjamin Micou is spending several weeks in Baltimore.

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The Crescents have issued cards for their eighth dance of the season to be held at the Elks' ballroom Saturday evening, April 16. The committee in charge of the arrangements is composed of Joseph W. McKeicher, Myron Taylor, Forrest C. Pendleton, Laird L. Neal, W. Harry Trotter, and Harry C. Sigourney.

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Mrs. Yung Kwai, wife of the secretary of the Chinese legation, will entertain at tea this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock, at her residence, 2021 Kalorama road.

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Mrs. Marx Kaufman, of the Lehigh, left Wednesday for a month's visit to Baltimore to be the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Elliot Strouse.

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The Misses Emma Newhagen, Gertrude Arras, Mel Sembrock, and Lillian Kambach, of Pittsburg, who were the guests of Miss Helen Barchfeld at the Dresden, have returned home.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harold Levy, of the Ashley, who have spent the past ten days at Atlantic City, returned home yesterday.

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Miss Emma Cerf, of Pittsburg, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Clarence Grosner, of the Tulane, returned to her home Tuesday.

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Miss Rae Hahn, accompanied by her uncle, Fred Hahn, left the early part of the week for a visit to Galveston, Tex.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Lauman have returned home after a week's stay at Atlantic City.

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The Misses Nathan, of Paterson, N. J., who have been the guests of Miss Sanger of U street, returned home Sunday.

RICH PARISIENNE IS KILLED BY SON

Mother, Aged Sixty, Shot Because She Remarried.

PARIS, April 14.—Gaston Wache today shot and killed his mother, one of the richest women of Paris.

The son is said to have gone the shooting because of her marriage last Sunday to Didier Hawes.

The mother was sixty years and Hawes forty-five.

MARINES COMING HOME.

COLON, April 14.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie, which left Philadelphia on April 7, arrived here. The cruiser will take home the marines who have been in service around Nicaragua.

FIRST CANAL PLAN IS NOW COMPLETED

More Than As Much Earth Excavated As Was Originally Contemplated.

The original Panama Canal as planned in the minority report of the international board of engineers and approved by Congress is now dug. This first plan called for the excavation of 105,795,000 cubic yards. At the end of March the total of excavation was 103,205,666. More than 600,000 yards have since been excavated, bringing the total beyond the figures of the original canal plan.

Changes made by the order of the President added 70,871,594 cubic yards, and this additional amount is being cut down at the rate of 3,000,000 yards a month. About 70,000,000 cubic yards remain to be excavated.

MARK TWAIN LANDS BROKEN IN HEALTH

Humorist Suffering From Heart Trouble on Return From Bermuda.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Dr. Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) came back from Bermuda today, more broken in health than when he left here last January in a state of physical collapse following the sudden death of his daughter at the Connecticut home.

He was a passenger on the Oceana in from Bermuda. During the trip he was forced to remain in his stateroom, and his secretary stated that he was suffering from a serious heart attack.

He will go at once to his home at Redding, Conn., where he hopes to recover his health.

The Young Lady Across the Way

The young lady across the way says she overheard her father say he was afraid to make any investments as long as conditions remained so unsettled, and for her part she felt sure we would have warm weather from now on.

JERSEYMAN SHOOTS AT SELF IN MIRROR

He Hit the Reflection and Can't Understand Why He Ain't Dead.

PRINCETON, N. J., April 14.—Charles Salzman, a prosperous contractor, completed early this morning a week's celebration over the acquisition of a large contract. Thereupon he returned home, but something in his wife's greeting as she let him in robbed him of his cheerfulness. He went up to his room, muttering, "I guess no one wants me here any more."

A moment later his son, Charles, jr., heard his father exclaim as though speaking to some one else:

"Charley, I look you once more in the face. Now, I am going to shoot you in the heart."

The body hastened toward his father's room, but before he reached the door he was terrified by the report of a gun. He rushed into the room, expecting to find his father dead on the floor. Instead, he saw him standing in front of a shattered mirror, his shotgun in his hand and a perplexed expression on his face.

Mr. Salzman's aim had been good; he had blown his own image in the mirror into smithereens, and he couldn't seem to understand why he wasn't hurt. They persuaded him to go to bed.

GLASS WORKERS IDLE.

CLAYTON, N. J., April 14.—A large furnace has collapsed in the Moore Brothers' glass works, and hundreds of tons of molten glass were spoiled. About 150 men and boys were thrown out of work by the accident. It will take a month to repair the damage.