

OPERA HOUSE RUINED

E. H. Sothern Company Burned Out In Cincinnati.

REMARKABLE ESCAPE OF AUDIENCE.

Fire Discovered Beneath the Stage. Crowded House to Witness Performance of "Hamlet"—Hard Work For Firefighters.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 23.—The Grand Opera House has been destroyed by fire. At the time the fire was discovered, below the stage the house was packed and the performers ready for the first act. Many narrow escapes from injury are reported. The people on the first floor and balcony got out without much trouble, though minus many parts of their clothing. Those in the gallery had more trouble in reaching the outside, as there was only one narrow exit from the gallery to the main hallway. Had it not been for the quick arrival of the ladder truck many would have been killed. The ladders were hoisted up to the windows, and many escaped in that manner. At the time the fire was discovered the actors and actresses of the E. H. Sothern company, playing "Hamlet," were ready in their costumes for the first act. They rushed to the street in their make-up and are now becoming the loss of their wardrobe.

From an incipient blaze the fire soon assumed serious aspects. The rear part of the building was soon ablaze, and the fire spread to the Butler building, a new six story structure separated from the Grand Opera House building by a narrow alley. The Giff's engine company adjoining the Butler structure next caught fire.

The Grand Opera House building was formerly known as Mozart hall, which had on the third story an immense auditorium in which many splendid operas and dramatic entertainments were given with entire safety, but always at great risk. When the building was remodeled, the auditorium was brought down to the street floor, and the stage was enlarged, making a first class theater. The building was originally provided with substantial walls. It had extraordinary facilities for exit in case of danger except from the gallery, having a wide hallway leading to Vine street and doors opening on Longworth street, including several doors from the stage. Immediately on the north of the Grand Opera House and extending to Sixth street stands the recently enlarged and rebuilt Mechanics' institute building. Every available engine belonging to the fire department was kept employed to its fullest capacity throwing water on the seething flames, while the streets for squares in every direction were literally packed with spectators.

Bryan's Paper Begins Life.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 22.—Mr. Bryan handed in the last of his copy for the first issue of The Commoner yesterday and spent the rest of the day investigating the mysteries of making up the forms. He seems as well pleased with his new work as a boy with a new toy. He had his old manager, R. L. Metcalfe of The World-Herald, under whom he took his first lessons in newspaper making, come from Omaha to go over the forms and suggest the proper kind of a make up. Mr. Bryan's plan of making the precinct committee men in every state his subscription agents has worked well, and last week 11,000 subscribers were added to the long list. Letters are still coming in at the rate of 1,500 to 2,000 a day. Invitations were issued to the general public to come out today and see the new editor acting as his own pressman. A flashlight photograph will be taken.

Alta Rockefeller Weds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Miss Alta Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, the richest man in America, was married at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon to E. Parmlee Prentice of Chicago. She is heiress to \$50,000,000, but the wedding, which took place in the palatial home of her father at 4 West Fifty-fourth street, was marked by quiet simplicity and absence of ostentation that usually marks the nuptials of the very rich. The first part of the honeymoon will be passed at the Rockefeller mansion near Tarrytown. At the end of a fortnight they will sail for Europe, returning to Vienna, where the bride will resume treatment for her defective hearing.

New York's Taxable Property.

ALBANY, Jan. 22.—The total valuation of real and personal property in this state subject to taxation during the fiscal year to commence Oct. 1, 1901, is \$5,232,512,915, as compared with \$5,522,204,198 for the current fiscal year. The total valuation of real property is \$5,079,460,797 as compared with \$4,813,770,280 for the current fiscal year, and the valuation of the personal property is \$676,051,218 as compared with \$748,424,938 for the current fiscal year. There was therefore been an increase in the valuation of real property and a decrease in the valuation of personal property. The net increase, however, has been \$190,307,817.

Hurricane In Norway.

CHRISTIANIA, Jan. 23.—A terrific hurricane ravaged the Norwegian coast Monday night from Tromsoe to Christiansand. It was accompanied by snow, lightning, thunder and a spring tide. Great damage was done to ports, shipping, houses and thoroughfares as well as telephone and telegraph wires. All incoming steamers are delayed, and it is feared that many persons have been killed.

Carnegie Library For Syracuse.

SYRACUSE, Jan. 18.—Mayor James C. McGuire has received a letter from Andrew Carnegie stating that if Syracuse would furnish a good location and agree to spend \$30,000 a year upon its library he will give the city a building to cost \$200,000. The city will comply with the conditions.

Four Children Cremated.

ELKHART, Ind., Jan. 19.—Four children of Benjamin Miller were burned to death. Their ages ranged from 8 to 16 years. A lamp exploded while Miller was absent, and the house burned so quickly that the rescue of the children was impossible.

Simmons to Succeed Butler.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 23.—F. M. Simmons, chairman of the state Democratic committee, has been elected United States senator to succeed Marion Butler.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

The Bulgarian cabinet has resigned. Ex-President Kruger has gone to Utrecht. Rutgers students egged a New Brunswick editor. Maurice Thompson, the author, is reported very low.

Senator Sewell was re-elected by the New Jersey legislature.

One thousand Filipinos swore allegiance at Vigan and 400 at Malabon.

Thieves attempted to wreck the Union Pacific overland express near Kearney, Neb.

More outrages by insurrectionary Creeks are reported from the Indian Territory.

The torrential rains continue to do great damage to the banana fields in Jamaica.

Senator Knute Nelson was re-elected at St. Paul. Moses E. Clapp was chosen for the short term.

Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The miners of C. Pardee & Co. at Lattimer, Pa., went on a strike.

King Oscar of Sweden and Norway has resumed the reins of government.

Harvard has decided to send an expedition to visit Iceland, Greenland and Labrador.

Venezuela is said to have demanded \$1,000,000 from the Bermudez Asphalt company.

The Philippine commission has passed an act establishing a department of public instruction.

Fourteen milk dealers were arraigned in New York special sessions, charged with selling adulterated milk. The fines imposed ranged from \$10 to \$50.

Monday, Jan. 21.

The Argentine wheat crop, it is estimated, will yield 2,600,000 tons.

The Chilean congress has approved the budget for the present year, amounting to 115,000,000 pesos.

The wonderful ice bridge at Niagara Falls has formed. For the last few days the thermometer has stood at zero.

Wolverville, the county seat of Trinity county, in the northern part of California, has been snow bound since the latter part of December.

John D. Rockefeller has agreed to give \$15,000 to Carson and Newman college of Mosby Creek, Tenn., provided the trustees raise \$50,000 additional by 1905.

Saturday, Jan. 19.

Russian students were expelled to Port Arthur for indulging in political agitation.

Twelve persons were severely injured in a trolley car collision at Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Kruger's secretary denies the report that the ex-president has decided to visit the United States.

Majority of Jamaica legislature voted to resist attempt to restore absolute crown government.

Charge against Mrs. Nation, the Wichita W. C. T. U. woman, dismissed on ground that she is "irresponsible."

Twenty families were rendered homeless in Jersey City by fire which partially destroyed six tenement houses.

Friday, Jan. 18.

A hurricane swept over the Suez canal.

The Hamburg-American liner Bulgaria grounded in the Elbe.

A black deer that barks like a dog has been discovered in the Philippines.

The British cruiser Sybille was wrecked near Lambert's bay, Cape Colony.

A man was murdered and robbed and a woman shot on an English railroad train.

The British steamer Kaisar was wrecked on the island of Reunion. Twenty-three lives were lost.

M. Paul Jules Barbier, the French dramatic author and the librettist of "Faust" and many other well known operas, died in Paris.

Thursday, Jan. 17.

Moslem tribes in Dahomey are preparing to rebel.

Havana's death list in December was the smallest in ten years.

Governor Allen signed the bill establishing jury trials in Porto Rico.

Scott Wike, former assistant secretary of the treasury, died at Quincy, Ills.

The German government has ordered 2,400 tons of sauerkraut in Philadelphia.

The mutilated body of a man was found in a trunk on Pier 11, East river, New York city.

Theodore G. Boettger, an aged musical composer, was injured, probably fatally, in Chicago.

Cornelius L. Alford, Jr., who pleaded guilty of stealing \$620,000 from the First National bank, New York, was sentenced to 13 years in Sing Sing by Judge Thomas.

Wednesday, Jan. 16.

Ground was broken for new custom house in New York.

Venezuela was reported to have seized two American steamers.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, the Wichita W. C. T. U. woman, was released from jail.

Elijah W. Blaisdell, one of the founders of the Republican party, died at Rockford, Ills.

The British steamer Monarch cleared from New Orleans for Cape Town with 1,100 horses for the British army.

Stephen Van Rensselaer Townsend, a well known New York lawyer, died at his home in Hempstead, on Long Island, after several months' sickness.

The Williamstown colliery, controlled by the Pennsylvania railroad, has suspended operations on account of differences between the company and the operators over the hours of work.

The owners of the steamship Russia, which was recently wrecked near Faraman, France, will distribute 20,000 francs to the fishermen who rescued the passengers and crew of the vessel.

Sing Sing Condemned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—President Lewis of the state board of health has made a thorough examination of the state prison at Sing Sing. He said the buildings were out of date, the cells were too small, no sunlight ever entered most of them and the whole prison was full of sewer gas and unhealthful.

Many Thousands For Charity.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 22.—The will of the late Joseph Ricker, filed in the probate court here, provides for the distribution of about \$300,000 among charitable, religious and educational societies.

Extremes of Weather.

LITTLETON, N. H., Jan. 22.—The mercury Sunday noon at points in northern New Hampshire stood at 40 degrees below zero. At noon yesterday it was 46 above, with a drizzling rain.

SHE IS IN THE SWIM.

Born in it? Oh, no! Had she been, then Mrs. Tufthunter had not deserved her name. Humble enough had been the paternal roof; humble as the family fortunes; limited as her educational advantages; narrow as the social horizon which bounded her early years.

But she had ambitions. Yes, even as a girl Mrs. Tufthunter had had "ambitions," and even the long years spent in obscurity, and sometimes direst poverty, after marriage, did not succeed in crushing those ambitions.

"A place in society, O Lord," was her daily and nightly petition. "Tis all I ask of Thee; a place in society, and horses and carriages and servants. Grant me these, I entreat, and I will be forever Thine own."

For years in this devout spirit had she remained a sitting in High Steeple church; for years sought to gain even a frigid nod of recognition from the wealthy Mrs. A—or B—or C—as, with her own little face wreathed in sycophantish smiles, she kept pace adown the church aisles with their aristocratic steps; for years saw her petition all unheeded.

But now comes a change for the better, and this, how longed for! With growing daughters, instills fresh hopes. What possibilities she saw in their intimacies with other children! How carefully did she impress upon their young minds the desirability of this or that acquaintance; how she fawned upon the children of the rich whose mothers were in "society;" how she frowned upon the children of mothers whose place in the world was as obscure as her own.

"She is a woman of ambition," observed Mrs. Smith, across the way, keenly alive to these facts, "she is looking upward." "Twill amuse me to mark her course."

This neighbor Mrs. Tufthunter had from the first cultivated, for was she not a connection of the wealthy Mrs. N—, who was in turn the daughter of the rich shopkeeper, Mr. T—? And so Mrs. Tufthunter, in consequence, toadyed to Mrs. Smith, and was quite the happiest woman alive when, in time, to please her kinsman across the way, Mrs. N—'s carriage stood before her own humble door, and Mrs. N—, condescendingly descended to call upon the overwhelmed Mrs. Tufthunter.

"Ah, that call! How her sensitive soul from that time shrank at the thought of the "common" schools. How quickly were her children transferred to the "select" one blessed with the patronage of Mrs. N—.

How energetically did she run up the bills in order to meet the new exigencies of this her devotion to High Steeple church. Liberal as her subscriptions to this or that charity—provided they are under the patronage of the exclusive Mrs. X—or Y—or Z—or solicitous in her offices at church entertainments, ever ready to lend her "poor services" to the "Lord," a trifle less wheeling in manner and smiles; less embarrassment when approaching the great.

Another turn in the wheel of fortune. No more blanks for Mrs. Tufthunter. Prosperity has come to stay.

Oh, the haughtiness of manner when she changes now to meet a one-time neighbor of South Humility street; the condescension with those of North Genteel street; the obsequiousness with the new found ones of North Delectable street.

"Creeping up," comments the slighted Mrs. Smith, sarcastically, "creeping up, but there are rungs yet to climb, my lady, and some you'll never reach."

Rungs yet to climb, yes, but "patience," says Mrs. Tufthunter, "patience." A gift here, a gift there—through her children—and she has placed under obligation many who favor she had failed to win. Invitations for them follow; in time, of course, for herself. To watering places! Hither and thither she goes, and lo, she and hers are at last in the swim.

What matters it that she lacks both grace of mind and person? That she follows Mrs. A—in dress, Mrs. B—in opinion, Mrs. C—in manners? What matters it that she knows Mrs. X— looks coldly upon the gallant attentions of her youngest son to that "Tufthunter girl," as she has been heard to remark she has failed to win. Invitations for them follow; in time, of course, for herself. To watering places! Hither and thither she goes, and lo, she and hers are at last in the swim.

Bless me! how she smiles now over those remembrances when she passes Mrs. Smith without recognition, likewise Mrs. N—, whose wealth has taken wings and flown away; likewise Mrs. Jones, who made herself so useful when sickness came in those old days of humble living.

When she remembers! How she strives not to remember, and as for recognizing those old acquaintances, why, I'm sure it is certainly better for them and safer for her that they should meet as strangers. Imagine Mrs. Jones falling into her arms before the haughty Mrs. V—or Mrs. W—or horrors! And then there are still rungs to climb, steps leading to homes, and circles whose doors turn not upon golden hinges, homes such as the exclusive Mrs. N—'s and Y—'s and Z—'s and so Mrs. Tufthunter has still to scheme, still favors to buy, still many heartburnings over real or fancied snubs.

But she's in the swim; has picked up a French phrase or two, says cattily, when referring to the "lower" classes; deprecates the lack of savoir faire in her husband; assumes a taste for art—as exhibited—and dotes so on literature, which, 'tis perhaps needless to state, she knows only in the guise of fiction.—Mrs. Charles C. Marble, in Cincinnati Times-Star.

One of the Elect.

A good joke is told of a certain minister of the Gospel, who likes to trade horses by way of recreation. By some means the preacher came into possession of a horse that wouldn't pull at all when he came to a hill. The parson found a purchaser, who inquired particularly as to age, condition, and qualities of the parson's steed. At last he asked if he was a tried puller. "It would do you real good to see him pull," was the enthusiastic response. The trade was made, and a few days the new owner came back and claimed the parson had misrepresented the qualities of the animal. "I told you it would do your soul good to see him pull." The purchaser saw the point and dropped the subject.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

SAVED BY POLITENESS.

Rochambeau, French Hero, Escaped the Guillotine by a Timely Act of Courtesy.

In the public square of Vendome, France, stands a statue of Rochambeau, erected by Americans as a tribute to the great Frenchman's services for the republic in the war of the revolution. A cyclist, recently on a tour through the republic presided over by Loubet, says: "There is hardly a canton without its American souvenir—or comestess. This statue to the glory of the man who forced Cornwallis to surrender at Yorktown was presented to his birthplace by Americans and unveiled by the Amer-



A STORY FROM FRANCE. (Little Frenchman Tells His Anecdote to a Yankee Wheelman.)

ican ambassador. Not all republics are ungrateful. I don't remember very much of Rochambeau's career. Yorktown is enough.

"But the little man of Vendome, as he pumped up my wheel, told me an anecdote which proves that politeness, like honesty, is the best policy. During the reign of terror the convention had condemned the old hero to death. With a crowd of unfortunates, he was ordered into the wagon that was to take them to the guillotine. Courteously the old man stepped aside that Malesherbes and his companions in death might get in first. The wagon was full before his turn came.

"Take him back," said the headman, "he can go with to-morrow's batch."

"But when to-morrow came Robespierre had fallen and the reign of the guillotine was over. It was a lesson in politeness, and when the little shopman and I parted we took off our hats to each other. One never knows what may happen in this land of revolutions."

Old Age.—Old age as it comes in the orderly process of Nature is a beautiful and majestic thing. The very shadow of eclipse which threatens it, makes it the more prized. It stands for experience, knowledge, wisdom and counsel. That is old age as it should be. But old age as it so often is means nothing but a second childhood of mind and body.

What makes the difference? Very largely the care of the stomach. In youth and the full strength of manhood it doesn't seem to matter how we treat the stomach. We abuse it, overwork it, injure it. We don't suffer from it much. But when age comes the stomach is worn out. It can't prepare and distribute the needed nourishment to the body, and the body, unenriched, falls into senile decay. Dr. Fierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a wonderful medicine for old people whose stomachs are "poor." Its invigorating effects are felt by mind as well as body. It takes the sting from old age, and makes old people strong.

Liquor and lick her too often go together.

DISTRESSING STOMACH DISEASES.—Permanently cured by the mastery power of South American Nerve Tonic. Invalids need suffer no longer, because this great remedy can cure them all. It is a cure or the whole world of stomach weakness and indigestion. The cure begins with the first dose. The relief it brings is marvellous and surprising. It makes no failure; never disappoints. No matter how long you have suffered, your cure is certain under the use of this great health-giving force. Pleasant and always safe. Sold by C. A. Kleim, druggist, 128 West Main street, Bloomsburg, Pa. 174 190.

To frown in a mirror will cast a serious reflection on any girl.

WHAT SHALL WE HAVE FOR DESERT?—This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try Jell-O, a delicious dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking! Add hot water and set to cool. Flavors: Lemon, orange, raspberry and strawberry. At your grocers, 10c. 174 190.

The dude's sharpness is all in the creases of his pantaloons.

CATARRH FOR 20 YEARS AND CURED IN A FEW DAYS.—Hon. George James of Scranton, Pa., says: "I have been a martyr to catarrh for 20 years, constant hawking, dropping in the throat and pain in the head, very offensive breath. I tried Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. The first application gave instant relief. After using a few bottles I was cured. 50 cents. Sold by C. A. Kleim.

One way to keep ahead of time is to wear a watch in a back pocket.

PILL SENSE.—It stands to reason that Dr. Agnew's Little Liver Pills will crowd out of the market many of the nauseous old timers. A better medicine at less than half the price is all the argument needed to keep the demand what it has been—phenomenal—40 doses 10 cents. They cure sick headache, biliousness, and allay all stomach irritations. Sold by C. A. Kleim.

The weather wane is always to the point.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of

Chas. H. Fletcher

Advertisement for Castoria, a vegetable preparation for infants and children. It promotes digestion, cheerfulness, and rest. It is a perfect remedy for constipation, sour stomach, diarrhoea, worms, convulsions, feverishness, and loss of sleep. It is not narcotic. The advertisement includes the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher and the text 'In Use For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA'.

Advertisement for a beautiful genuine diamond ring free. It offers a 14-K. Gold Ring set with a genuine diamond and one half dozen Sterling Silver Plated Tea Spoons FREE. The advertisement includes details about the ring and spoons, and the Franklin Chemical Co. address.

Advertisement for the Pennsylvania Railroad. It lists various routes and schedules, including the New York and Philadelphia route, and the Florida and Metropolitan Limited. It also mentions the Florida Fast Mail service.

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