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Abolishing Old Age.

Society has passed an unwritten law abolishing old age. Unlike many written laws, it is being enforced. Where is the venerable grandmother who used, in black dress and black cap, to sit in the chimney corner knitting the children's stockings? Arrayed in a beautiful pea green silk gown and a flowered hat, her gray hair done in a naughty pompadour, she is out helping receive at a fashionable function or attending the latest musical comedy at the theater. Where is the "lea nand slippeder pantaloon" who used to spend long days, "spectacles on nose and pouch on side," sunning himself on the front porch or hobbling about the house and yard on a cane? He is down at the office or store working energetically and ambitiously as he did 20 years ago, or out at the ball game cheering as lustily as the most vociferous small boy on the bleachers. We have changed all this, says the Chicago Tribune. A man is now young until he is 45 and middle-aged the rest of his life. Spinners don't become old maids any more. They are girls until 35 when they become bachelor maids. Married women are young until 40, after which, like their husbands after 45, they enjoy a parenthial middle age. There may be persons scattered here and there who regard themselves as old and will submit to be banished, as the aged of past generations were, from business, amusements and society, but if there be any such their number is small and they are all well past the biblical three score and ten mark. Prof. Shaler, of Harvard, regards the abolition of old age as a sign of progress. Brutes and savages, as he points out, either kill their superannuates or leave them to starve. On rising from savagery to barbarism men set their aged as a class apart and revere them for their wisdom and dignity. It is a mark of an advance in civilization when they are "readopted into the association and are allowed to go along with the business of life in the manner of other people."

Girls Beat the Boys.

Coeeducation is resulting in the intellectual humiliation of men. In the class rooms of almost every college and university where the joint instruction of both sexes is a permanent feature the feminine students have been excelling their masculine rivals, and at a majority of the commencement day ceremonies which are now close at hand the girl graduate will practically monopolize the honors in scholarship. The superiority of the young woman student over her athletic brother in the duties for which colleges are endowed seems now to be an established fact. In order that the question might not be considered from any limited local point of view or judged by isolated instances, the Chicago Record-Herald has collected statistics relating to the comparative scholarship of men and women in the undergraduate liberal arts departments of 16 prominent coeducational institutions, north, south, east and west. The result is truly surprising. In one graduating class alone have the men excelled the women—and this event caused general surprise among the faculty of that particular university. In two or three of the others the data were not yet available, but everything pointed toward the usual victory of the women. In all others the eternal feminine was overwhelmingly triumphant.

Merit Versus "Pull."

Postmaster Wilcox, of New York, has given signal proof that political "pull" is not supreme in his office. Recently the superintendency of mails became vacant and the postmaster consulted one of his associates about eligible members of his staff, inquiring particularly about a Mr. Roome. His adviser replied that the man mentioned was the best man for the place, but as not an applicant for promotion. A further inquiry as to the reason for Roome's modesty brought out this interesting bit of information: He had not applied because he knew he had no chance of getting it. He did not know a single politician. Mr. Wilcox sent for Roome and after some conversation, which showed the latter's efficiency, named him for the vacancy, and he is now superintendent of mails.

A BIG SALARY FOR MORTON.

New President of the Equitable Life Society Will Receive \$80,000 a Year.

New York, July 27.—At a two hours' session of the directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society yesterday the resignations of ex-President James W. Alexander and Nevada N. Stranahan as directors were accepted. Paul Morton was elected president of the society, retaining, it is understood, the chairmanship as well. A special meeting of the directors will be held to-day, at which additional directors will be elected and amendments to the charter of the society adopted.

At yesterday's meeting of the directors George F. Vieter, of this city, and Ernest B. Kruttschnitt, of New Orleans, were nominated as directors and will be elected at to-day's special meeting. Mr. Vieter is a prominent dry goods and commission merchant and Mr. Kruttschnitt is one of the leaders of the bar in the southwest. Chairman Morton reported to the directors that in pursuance of his policy of retrenchment the society would effect savings of \$500,000 a year. He submitted a financial report for the first six months which was pronounced very satisfactory by the directors. At to-day's meeting it is quite probable the position of chairman will be abolished.

The matter of pensions to the widow of H. B. Hyde and others was referred to a committee consisting of Directors McCook, Whitman and Zehnder. It is understood that Mr. Morton's salary as president of the society will be \$80,000 a year. James W. Alexander, ex-president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, passed through New York yesterday on his way to the Catskill Mountains to complete the restoration of his health. Mr. Alexander has been ill at Babylon, L. I., for several weeks.

SMUGGLERS ARE BUSY.

They Use Standard Oil Ships as Vehicles for a Traffic in Contraband Tobacco.

New York, July 27.—The custom house authorities intend to take active measures to stop the extensive smuggling of tobacco at Bayonne, N. J., where on Saturday 27 bales of Sumatra tobacco, valued at about \$2,000, were seized in the house of a woman who is said to be the agent of a gang of smugglers.

The vessel from which the tobacco came is the steamer Diamant, of the Standard Oil Co. Under the revised statutes the collector may institute proceedings for a fine equal to the appraised value against the master of any vessel, together with a penalty of \$400 for having landed smuggled goods in port, and if the master be not responsible the collector may proceed against the owners of the vessel. The collector intends to put the case in the hands of the United States district attorney at Bayonne to prosecute it to the fullest extent. There have been 20 similar cases lately in Bayonne and in every case the goods came in on steamers belonging to the Standard Oil Co. The affair was called to the attention of the Standard Oil officials and they promised to investigate.

A POTTERY COMBINE.

It Will Have \$40,000,000 Capital and Control the Tableware Trade.

East Liverpool, O., July 27.—A combination that will practically control the tabeware and china trade of this country has virtually been effected and a pottery trust with \$40,000,000 capital is regarded by interested manufacturers in this city as an accomplished fact. Promoters have been working upon the proposed consolidation since last May, and it is now announced that more than 75 per cent of the kiln capacity of all the tabeware plants in the country stands ready to enter the deal. Three prominent Philadelphia banks are backing the deal.

But one large plant in this city, the Homer Laughlin China Co., with 32 kilns, is withholding from the combination and the Sebrings, who run three plants at Sebring, O., are also out of it. This city is to be the headquarters of the new combination, which will erect and occupy a large office building here.

Shot the Girl Who Jilted Him.

Liberty, N. Y., July 27.—Cornelius McCormick, an extensive real estate dealer and one of the most widely known business men in Sullivan county, is under arrest here, being charged with attempted murder, and Miss Kittle Murphy is at death's door, the result of a bullet wound in the mouth. The shooting of Miss Murphy occurred on the street here Tuesday night and created intense excitement. It is said that McCormick had been attentive to Miss Murphy for some time, but recently she discarded him for another suitor.

The Yellow Fever Epidemic.

New Orleans, July 27.—Six deaths from yellow fever were recorded Wednesday up to 6 p. m., making a total of 45. The total number of cases to date is 165. There are now 19 centers of infection. Citizens are being organized and New Orleans will be given a thorough cleaning.

Three Boys Killed.

Chicago, July 27.—Three boys were killed and a number of others were severely injured yesterday by the collapse of a two-story cottage at Thirty-second and Fox streets. The building was being torn down and the boys were gathering wood for use at their homes when the crash came.

Four Trainmen Killed.

Atlanta, Ga., July 27.—Four trainmen were killed in the western part of the city yesterday by a freight wreck. The accident occurred on the Georgia Central railroad.

REPRIEVE CAME IN LAST HOUR

"Bluebeard" Johann Hoch Is Granted a Stay of Sentence Until August 15.

HE HAD NEVER ABANDONED HOPE

The \$500 Necessary to Secure an Appeal of the Case Was Furnished by an Attorney, Who Is a Friend of the Condemned Man's Counsel.

Chicago, July 29.—Johann Hoch, "Bluebeard" and confessed bigamist, sentenced to be hanged Friday for poisoning one of his wives, was yesterday afternoon granted a reprieve until August 25 by Gov. Deneen. The stay of execution followed hours of anxiety on the part of Hoch, who had never given up hope, and was allowed by the governor only after the latter had been assured that the necessary sum to appeal the case had been raised. The amount, \$500, was given by an attorney and friend of Hoch's counsel. The attorney declared he was actuated by humanitarian motives.

An incident at the jail during the preparation for the execution was the appearance of a physician and a woman who told Jailer Whitman that they wanted to help in Hoch's battle for life. They said they wished to raise funds for the condemned man and asked Whitman to delay the hanging as long as possible. Hoch's attorney, however, had already been in communication with the authorities respecting the stay of sentence. All arrangements had been made for the execution and in view of the action of Gov. Deneen on Thursday in refusing a stay of execution and similar action by the state board of pardons, Hoch's chance for life was considered slight.

About the time set for the execution the attorney who furnished the money appeared in the case for the first time. This attorney, it was said, telephoned Hoch's lawyer that the former had \$500 to give toward aiding to appeal the case. The two lawyers hastened to the jail, told Jailer Whitman of the money secured and arranged with the jailer to postpone as long as possible the execution of Hoch. Meanwhile they sought State's Attorney Healy and had him arrange a conference with Gov. Deneen over the long distance telephone. Hoch's counsel told the governor that there was lacking only a small sum of the amount necessary for a review of the case. After discussing the matter with the state's attorney, the governor finally consented to a stay for the condemned man and so notified Hoch's counsel.

Hoch, even several hours before the time set for the hanging, was quite confident of executive clemency, although at times he seemed to despair of receiving a reprieve.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Confidence Expands as Crops are Secured—Industrial Situation Good.

New York, July 29.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Commercial tendencies are still in the direction of improvement, although progress is hampered by some inflation of prices for the raw materials of textile and footwear industries. Confidence expands as the crops are secured, each day putting a large quantity of grain beyond danger and making sensational rumors of loss less effective. Weather conditions have been favorable for retail distribution, reduced stocks in the hands of dealers being reflected in enlarged wholesale and jobbing demands. Evidences of faith in the future are increasing, more disposition being shown to provide for requirements beyond immediate consumption.

The industrial situation is in a striking contrast to conditions prevailing a year ago, when there was much idleness. Complete returns now available for the leading departments indicate that the first half of 1905 made a better comparison with the corresponding six months last year than even the most sanguine estimates, which naturally increases optimism regarding business during the second half.

Failures this week numbered 214 in the United States, against 220 last year, and 27 in Canada, compared with 18 a year ago.

Progress of the Fever Plague.

New Orleans, July 29.—Although the unofficial reports made public Friday showed a larger number of yellow fever deaths than on Thursday, when there were only two, and the appearance of a number of new cases, the men of science who are warring against the yellow fever plague ended the day's labors confident that the situation was still well in hand. The following report as to the progress of yellow fever in New Orleans is up to 6 p. m. Friday: New cases, 21; total cases to date, 227; deaths Friday, 3; deaths since July 12, 47; new centers, 8; total centers, 35. The health authorities hold also that the plague remains an Italian infection.

Established a New Record.

Titusville, Pa., July 29.—Paced by a running mate, Frank Yokum made a new world's record, pacing over a half mile track Friday. He paced the mile in 2:05.4. The second heat of the race was paced in 2:06.4, thus establishing a new world's record for two heats in a race.

Is Given Up as Lost.

San Francisco, July 29.—The American schooner Honolulu, now 125 days out from Shanghai for Puzet Sound, has been given up as lost and further re-insurance has been refused.

FALSIFIED ITS REPORT.

Serious Charge Made Against the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co., of New York City.

Albany, N. Y., July 28.—Concealment of judgments against the company amounting to \$182,767, exaggeration of its surplus by over \$300,000 and a fixed policy of delay in settling claims, are some of the charges made against the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Co. by Chief Examiner Isaac Vanderpool, in his report submitted to State Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks and by him made public yesterday.

The examination was begun last December and covers a period back to 1899. The company has headquarters in New York City and claims assets of between five and six millions.

Examiner Vanderpool says that the management of the company made no mention of these judgments in the item of liabilities reported for the year 1904.

"Further variations, in addition to those appearing in credit assets and policy reserve, as between the figures published in the company's last annual statement and similar items embodied in this report, are produced in the item of unpaid death claims on December 31, 1904. They are returned in the annual statement of the company at \$796,704. As the result of this examination the amount is shown to be \$831,429.

"The company's last annual statement," says the report, "produces a so-called surplus of unassigned funds amounting to \$359,211. The examination just completed fixes this item at \$38,492."

The report shows in detail how insurance at one time amounting to \$1,923,000.73 finally yielded its beneficiaries \$906,654.74, there having been deducted \$292,655 on account of an indebtedness ascertained by the company to exist against the assured, with a further deduction of \$722,686 retained by the company for the various alleged violations of contract by the insured.

In 1895 the department recommended that the company establish a sinking fund to offset the depreciation of leases. The suggestion was adopted, but, says the examiner, "the fund appears to have been abandoned some time ago, for in ten years it has reached but \$56,948. The sum of \$42,000 has, however, been borrowed from this fund and is charged to mortuary account. The balance, therefore, after the loan to the latter account, reduces the leasehold sinking fund to \$14,948, instead of \$165,000, the amount which should now represent it, under the recommendation made in 1895 by the appraiser of the insurance department."

FEUDISTS FOUGHT.

Kentuckians Met in a Lonely Spot and Engaged in a Desperate Battle.

Owingsville, Ky., July 28.—In a desperate encounter between the Mullins and Fleming factions of feudists Sol Mullins, leader of the Mullins faction, has been killed, William Mullins wounded and Jeff Fleming fatally hurt. The battle took place on Boone Fork, in a lonely mountain section, near the border of Letcher and Pike counties. The Mullins were led by Sol Mullins, and the Flemings by Sol Fleming. The two leaders opened fire on each other and their men joined in.

Sol Mullins led his followers in a fierce charge, which the Flemings met with a rain of bullets. Sol and Will Mullins fell, wounded and when Jeff Fleming was seen to fall the battle ended by Sol Mullins' consent. While attention was being given to the wounded, Sol Mullins died. Fifty shots were fired.

Sheriff Thacker, of Mercer county, went to the scene with a posse and arrested three of the Mullins faction. Sol Fleming refused to submit to arrest and fled with his men to the mountains. A battle is feared if his capture is attempted.

ANOTHER SCANDAL.

It Involves One of the Scientists in the Department of Agriculture.

Washington, July 28.—In a hearing Thursday at the department of agriculture at which Secretary Wilson, Assistant Secretary Hayes, Prof. Galoway, chief of the bureau of plant industry, George T. Moore, of that bureau, and two representatives of an agricultural publication were present, the two last named made charges that the wife of one of the scientists in the bureau of plant industry owned a block of stock in an eastern concern manufacturing culture for soil inoculation while the scientist was preparing bulletins regarding the enrichment of farms, and portraying the culture as containing virulent forms of bacteria for making poor land rich.

It was alleged that publications revised by the official tended to direct the farmers to a commercial concern supplying the material, because of the exhaustion of the supply by the department. At yesterday's hearing the scientist involved in the allegations admitted that his wife had owned the stock, but did not own it now.

Bishop Joyce Dies.

Minneapolis, July 28.—Bishop I. W. Joyce, of the Methodist church, died at his home here this morning.

Twenty-three Killed, Many Injured.

Liverpool, July 28.—An electric express train on the Lancashire & Yorkshire railroad bound from Liverpool to Southampton collided last evening with an empty stationary train at the Hall Road station, causing the death of 23 persons and the injury of many. The first car of the express, which was crowded, was smashed to pieces.

Four Men Killed.

Helena, Mont., July 28.—Four men have been killed by the wrecking of an eastbound freight train on the Northern Pacific road.

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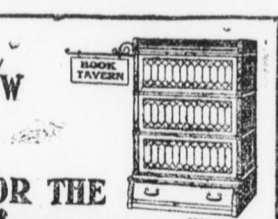
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