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P. T. BARNUM'S SPLENDID GIFT.

The Plan He Proposed for His Birthday is Highlighted by His Advanced Age.

Bridgetown, June 3.—P. T. Barnum presented the officers of the Fairfield Historical Society and the Bridgeport Scientific Society yesterday with a quarter-of-a-million gift. Mr. Barnum had intended to spring the surprise on the two societies on his seventy-eighth birthday anniversary, which occurs on July 3, but changed his mind at 3 o'clock this morning. Several days ago he purchased the handsome property from Col. Thomas Lowe on the corner of Gilbert and Main streets. On this site there is to be erected a building 100 feet square and 10 stories high at a cost of \$250,000. Mr. Barnum's architect has submitted the plans, which call for a substantial structure of stone and brick. The lower floors are to be used as stores. The upper floors are to contain libraries and museums, and a large lecture room for entertainments. The same feeling prompted the officers of the societies, who promptly agreed to accept the gift. Mr. Barnum said: "I awoke about 3 o'clock this morning thinking that I was nearly 78 years old, and when a man gets to that age he is liable to be taken off almost any day. I looked over at Nancy and revolved in my mind the responsibilities that would fall to her in settling up my estate, and decided to give this building to the officers of the societies. You see, I am sort of housecleaning for my birthday, that is, I am getting my odds and ends together, and have other important plans to carry out in the cause of education."

After breakfast he met the officers of the Fairfield Historical Society and the Bridgeport Scientific Society, and formally presented and turned over to them the property and responsibility of carrying out the plans for the new structure.

SELECTING FUTURE HOMES.

Where the Methodist Bishops Will Locate During the Next Four Years.

New York, June 1.—Most of the visiting Methodists who were in attendance at the Conference in Baltimore, Md., were extremely fatigued after their many days of labor. In the assignment of the Bishops to the episcopal residences they are to occupy for the next four years the choice of location falls to them in the order of seniority, the last elected having only Hobson's choice.

At a meeting of the Board of Bishops at St. Paul's Church, Fourth avenue and Twenty-second street, after adjournment of the Conference yesterday, it was settled that Bishop Bowman should remain in St. Louis, Bishop Foster in Boston, and Bishop Merrill in Chicago. Bishop Andrews comes to Washington at New York, Bishop Warren remains in Denver, Bishop Foss goes from Minneapolis to Philadelphia, Bishop Hurst goes from Buffalo to Washington, Bishop Nims remains at Topeka, Bishop Walden goes from Chattanooga to Covington or Cincinnati, Bishop Maline remains at New York, and Bishop Fowler remains at San Francisco.

Thus the seniors of the board provided for themselves and left to their five newly-elected colleagues Buffalo, Minneapolis, Chattanooga, Omaha or Lincoln, and all Texas from which to choose. Bishop Vincent selected for his home the city of Chattanooga. Bishop Joyce Chattanooga. Bishop Newman will decide between Omaha or Lincoln, Neb.

The President's Anniversary.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Two years ago last night a simple marriage ceremony occurred at the White House, in which Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, and Miss Francis Folsom of Buffalo, were the high contracting parties. The second anniversary was spent, if anything, more simply than the first. The President drove in from Oak View yesterday morning, where he and Mrs. Cleveland are now staying, and remained at his desk in the White House until evening, when he returned to his country home. At six o'clock they sat down to a quiet dinner at which no invited guests were present.

The Kerr Jury Disagree.

New York, June 3.—After spending thirty-nine hours at a twenty-six minutes to be exact, in consultation and ballot-taking, the jury in the case of Thos. B. Kerr, charged with bribing 1884 aldermen, found that they could not agree on a verdict, and Justice Patterson rightfully discharged them. It is understood they stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal, from the start no change in the one hundred and one taken being made. Kerr was admitted to bail in \$50,000 being \$10,000 more than it was previous to the trial.

Eighteen Years in One Cell.

KENOSHA, Wis., June 2.—Members of the State Board of Charities and Reform have been investigating the case of an insane man, near Truesdell, this county. The man, who is 53 years old, is alleged to have been confined in a locked and barred cell in an out-house for eighteen years. The cell was foul and the man had simply a blanket to cover him. Once or twice a week in warm weather he was taken from the cell and it was scrubbed, but it is claimed that he has not been taken out in winter at all.

The Constitution Disloyal to Christ.

PITTSBURGH, June 1.—The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church adopted a resolution yesterday morning reaffirming their conviction that the Constitution of the United States is a virtual agreement or compact to administer the Government without reference to Christ or the Christian religion, and that incorporation with the Government on the basis of this Constitution is therefore an act of disloyalty to Christ.

Celebrating the Queen's Birthday.

LONDON, June 3.—The celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria took place yesterday. The weather was bright and clear. The most notable features of the celebration was the reviews of troops. At 11 o'clock the troops cheered in honor of the Queen's birthday. A crowd which had assembled outside the barracks immediately responded with cheers for William O'Brien and the plan of campaign.

LILLIE HOYLE'S DEATH.

Her Sister is Said to Have Given a New Version of the Case.

Worcester, Mass., June 3.—It is now asserted that there is evidence to show that the published accounts of how Lillie Hoyle met her death are not strictly correct. The new evidence is said to place the responsibility for the drugging of Lillie upon her sister Alice, who is said to have administered the chloroform. The new story is also to the effect that Alice Hoyle did not get into the wagon with the men at the time Lillie was taken from the house, but left the house in advance and was told to walk ahead down the road. She did so, and it will be remembered that Dr. Brown testified to seeing a woman going by his house. It is also said that the girl was met down the road, near the bushes so frequently spoken of, and taken into the wagon. Lillie had died, and when the fact was disclosed to Alice she screamed. The two men quieted her and, it is said, prevailed upon her to keep the secret by telling her that it was not known to the officers before, and it confirms the story frequently heard, that Alice Hoyle is not reliable and has made several conflicting confessions.

If it is true that Alice Hoyle was the person that went by Dr. Brown's in the dark as she sat smoking on the piazza, it was not known at the time the grand jury met, or the doctor would have been summoned as a witness as well as the German woman who heard the screams. While this latest story may be true so far as it is a statement made by Alice, it is certain that it was not known to the officers before, and it confirms the story frequently heard, that Alice Hoyle is not reliable and has made several conflicting confessions.

HE WILL KEEP HIS VOW.

Peter Rossmassen Will Be a Missionary at His Own Expense.

BALTIMORE, June 4.—Peter Rossmassen sailed with his family for Norway yesterday in obedience to a vow he made twenty-five years ago, when he came to this country. Shortly after his arrival in his country, he was converted at a revival then being held at the First German Church in this city. He says he then made a promise that if God would bless him in business and give him enough of this world's goods to enable him to preach the Gospel to his countrymen in Norway, without receiving any salary, he would do so. He has so prospered in business that he can now afford to devote his life to preaching without pay. He is an earnest member of the German Methodist Church, about fifty-five years of age.

A Sheriff and Tax Collector Decamps.

NEW ORLEANS, June 4.—The news has been received here that W. J. Sowers, sheriff and ex-officio tax collector of Winn parish, in this state, has decamped, being a defaulter to the state and parish to a considerable amount. Sowers was very popular, and seems to have been even more soft-hearted than Uncle Dick Tate, of Kentucky, for whenever a taxpayer pleaded poverty or hard times he usually gave a receipt in full for taxes, becoming himself personally responsible for them, and a large part of his defalcation is attributed to this peculiar charity at the expense of the State. The people of Winn express only sorrow and sympathy for the defaulter rather than anger over the disappearance of the parish funds.

The Runaway Orphan Girl Heard From.

CANANDAIGUA, June 4.—After baffling all her friends and the police authorities Mabel Burnett, the sixteen-year-old orphan girl, who, on Thursday last left the aristocratic luxurious home of her mother to earn her own living, sent a despatch to her grandmother Saturday from Auburn, saying that she had procured good, honest work in that city, was happy and contented, and hoped that no one would worry about her. Her brother and other relatives have gone to Auburn in the hope of inducing her to return. Miss Burnett is an intelligent and self-reliant girl for her age.

Reading's New Arrangements.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4.—It is asserted with some authority that arrangements are now being made for close traffic connections between the Reading and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroads. The new arrangements are a modification of the old one drawn up by Mr. Gowan, but which were never ratified by the Reading receivers. Concessions of no mean importance were made to the Reading, and also to the Jersey Central, in order to stimulate the agents of those companies to send all the business they could control over the Baltimore and Philadelphia Railroads.

A Double Seal Regatta.

BOSTON, June 4.—There has been talk for some time of getting up a double seal regatta, and arrangements for the event were completed yesterday. It will take place at the Point of Pines, Monday, June 15. The contestants will be Hamm and Rosa, Hosmer and Lee, and Gaudaur and McKay. Wallace Ross left here for New York Saturday night, having been called there by the sudden illness of his wife.

Germany's Emperor Improving.

BERLIN, June 4.—The Emperor passed a better night than the one previous. His lassitude is gone. He drove in the Wild Park with the Empress yesterday morning, and afterward spent a good deal of time in the castle garden and in the park. At 5 p. m. he drove in an open carriage with the Empress and Dr. Mackenzie to the marble palace to visit the Crown Prince, remaining an hour.

Crops Damaged by Rain.

PETERSBURG, Va., June 4.—The heavy rains of the last few days have caused damage to the cotton, peanut, corn, and oat crops throughout this section, and the farmers are much discouraged. In the low grounds the corn and oats are almost totally ruined, and will have to be replanted. The peanut crop will not be helped the average.

The House in Which Grant was Born.

CINCINNATI, June 4.—The house in which Gen. Grant was born has been floated down the river from Point Pleasant, Ohio, on a raft, and has been hauled up to Race and Canal streets, where it is to be placed on exhibition under canvas.

A \$300,000 Fire in Panama.

PANAMA, June 4.—A fire, which started in the Hotel Roma a 2 o'clock yesterday morning, entirely gutted ten large houses. It is estimated that \$300,000 worth of property was destroyed.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

THE ANNUAL meeting of the stockholders of the Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek R. Co. will be held at the office of the President, No. 221 Fourth street, Philadelphia, Pa., on Tuesday, June 12th, 1888, at 12 o'clock, a. m. in election for president and directors same day and place.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE

Pursuant to an order of the Orphans Court of Centre county, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bellefonte, Pa., SATURDAY, JUNE 16, at 1 o'clock P. M., the following described REAL ESTATE

Table listing various real estate parcels with details such as owner names, acreage, and location. Includes entries for OLLERGE TOWNSHIP, CURTIN TOWNSHIP, FERGUSON TOWNSHIP, HAINES TOWNSHIP, and RUSH TOWNSHIP.

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