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New York's New Senator.

The nomination of Mr. Evarts by the Republican caucus of New York and his election by the legislature that is to follow, make a triumph for intellect. That quality Mr. Evarts undoubtedly has; and it is one that has been lacking in many of the men sent to the United States Senate of late years. He is not only a very able and very distinguished lawyer, but he is a man of general culture, and one of the foremost orators of the country. His name has been linked with some of the most famous cases of late years, notably the Impeachment trial, the Geneva arbitration, the Electoral contention and the Beecher-Tilton cause. With regard to distinction achieved by ability, he presents a shining contrast with any of the men now representing the first two states of the Union on the floor of the Senate.

Mr. Evarts' leading opponent was Mr. Morton, who is chiefly distinguished for his money. He has, no doubt, some other good qualities, and even some better than wealth; but without his money he would have been an inconspicuous figure in New York politics; and it is very well that the first state of the Union is not this time subject to the reproach that has attached to the rotten boroughs of the West, of putting up the senatorial place to the highest bidder. That money has been used in the struggle in Albany appears, and perhaps Mr. Evarts' supporters fought the Morton men with the weapons of their own choice; there are signs of it. But the fact that the richer man of less ability went to the wall, and the poorer man of more brains won, raises the presumption that money did not control the issue.

It does not follow that Mr. Evarts will be a more useful man in the Senate than some one with less fluency of speech, less skill as a lawyer and a lower degree of intellect might have been. Nor is it certain that his own party will find him a safe leader, a wise counsellor or a bulwark of defense. He is not a stalwart party man of the Stevens-Chandler-Wade stripe; with such radicals he took issue. He is naturally conservative and constitutional in his methods; but he is ambitious and often bends his better judgment to partisan service. He has the temperament of the advocate; and as a senator he is far more likely to become a special pleader than a tribune of the people.

Mr. Evarts' advent into that body in place of poor, old Lapham—useless and ignoble—is an event of public interest that will not be without its influence on the future of our politics. His ambition, in our judgment, does not stop short of the presidency. He is bound to no man's fortunes; he has enough self-confidence to grasp the leadership of a party that is now leaderless and distracted; and the public may confidently look for a very lively senator in the little man whom New York elects.

The Time to Travel.

Now is the time to travel. There is no great amount of business doing and no great profit in what is done. It is a good time to shut up shops and improve the mind by travel. The carrying companies are kind to appreciate the situation and to aid locomotion by very low charges for transportation. The European immigrant can come across the ocean for ten dollars and for another dollar be taken to Chicago. The passage back to Europe can be had for nine dollars. It is quite probable that first-class fares will fall nearly to the level of second-class, and that the passenger can cross the continent and the ocean for less than it will cost him to live at home. Travel will become a necessary economy to the many whose incomes are stinted by the hard times. There are so many boats upon the ocean that fares must come down to fill them up. Even now it is about as cheap to go to Europe as to stay at home. Traveling on our railroads is still expensive when you have but a short distance to go; but you can get to Chicago at a very reasonable price. In a little while the cost is likely to be less than to Philadelphia, even for first class travel, as it already is for immigrants. A dollar a head from New York to Chicago seems to be a trifle below cost and the field appears to be left clear to the Pennsylvania at this figure. At three dollars a head there is said to be a profit in the business, even for first-class passage, and to this figure we are likely to get. There is nothing like such processes as these for squeezing the water out of railroads, and when the companies get fairly launched upon these low prices of transportation we will soon have the railroads reduced to the condition of leanness necessary for future running.

Relief at Last.

The interminable persistency of the French spoliation claimants has at last been rewarded by the passage and executive approval of the bill which sends their case to the court of claims. For eighty-five years and through forty-four committees this battle has been fought and with two presidential vetoes has their case been rebuffed. Choate, Clay and Sumner championed the justice of these claims; and the weight of their endorsement, as well as the persistency of the claimants, gives color to their rights. The fact that nine-tenths of the claimants are in the families which first presented them strips them of the taint of speculation which most such claims wear.

In the treaty with France in 1800, the United States assumed to pay the claims of citizens of that country to our citizens for depredations upon our commerce. Why it has never been done, if the claims have any foundation, seems incomprehensible, except upon the theory that in Congress party issues and political questions always takes precedence of business matters.

Let Them be Held to It.

The directors of the Pennsylvania railroad have declared in a formal resolution that they will not let their road enter the coal combination because they do not believe that it is for the interest of their stockholders or the public that they should attempt any restriction of trade.

The directors are undoubtedly right. We would that they had always thought so. And we would that they even now always acted so; but it is said that on the very day when they passed this resolution they combined with the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for a restriction of the bituminous coal trade. And it is notorious that the policy of the road in the past has been the opposite of that declared in the resolution.

Nevertheless this policy has now been declared; and it is for the state legislature to see that the company is taken at its word and held up to it. It is undoubtedly the policy for the people. Let the legislature declare it; and hand in hand with its most powerful creature, the Pennsylvania railroad, enforce it; and let it not permit the hand to be unlocked from its clasp.

THE Pinafore refrain, "hardly Evarts," is no longer appropriate.

ABRAHAM S. HEWITT in a recent speech in Congress warned that body against the inevitable contraction that will ensue some years from now if the present policy of coining silver is persisted in to the transfer of our commercial transactions from a gold to a silver basis; and yet Congress shows no more disposition to stop the silver coinage than to exchange the Allie Bland dollars in its vaults for depreciated trade dollars in the tills and pockets of the people.

IT does seem a little cruel to admit Grant to the warmth of the retired list and leave Fitz John Porter out in the cold.

DR. SAMUEL SEXTON, the well-known New York aurist, has given special attention to the subject of deafness among school children, and he states that about 13 per cent. of the children in schools suffer from auricular defects, unknown to themselves or to their teachers. He suggests careful tests of the hearing capacity of the children and a classification with reference to it. It is certain that under a system of this kind good results would be reached, as it would save the children from the reprimands of well-meaning teachers, as well as benefit them by a special course destined to counteract their unfortunate physical defect.

THE Labyrinth of Crete will be nothing to William Maxwell Evarts' first speech in the United States Senate.

IT is no easy is the disposition of humanity to run to extremes more evident than in the exaggeration of calamities. When a disaster occurs by land or sea, there are always some affected by a morbid desire to paint it redder than it is. West Chester is now having a visitation of this spirit. There have been some deaths in the borough and county from diphtheria and numerous cases of sore throat. Immediately the report goes abroad that the town is suffering from an epidemic of diphtheria. A representative of the *Village Record* called on all the physicians of West Chester and could only find four real cases of the disease in the borough. Lancaster's small pox visitation was similarly exaggerated. A few inches of cold steel truth such as that furnished by the *Village Record* will effectually close the mouths of the alarmists, for it is the mission of the newspaper to disseminate truth and combat error.

THE poor men has his compensations in this era of business depression: he has no money to lose.

OF much more absorbing interest to the people than even the composition of Cleveland's cabinet is the suppression of the fool, who couldn't know it was loaded. He will turn up oftener and more inopportunely than a bad penny, and the uncertainty of his conduct would be delightful, if it was not dangerous. He emerged from his winter retreat in York county, the other day, in the person of William Smyser, of Manchester township, armed with a revolver for the purpose of killing a hog. In handling the fire-arm it was discharged and the ball struck a bystander, John Reeser, in the thorax, not seriously injuring him. If Smyser had accidentally shot himself, it is more than probable that the original mission of the revolver, hog-shooting, would have been accomplished. It is certain that had the latter accident occurred, a fool would have been taught a lesson.

IT is the unexpected that always happens; and the Republicans may encounter a series of surprises when Mr. Evarts' senatorial toga begins to fit him snugly.

EASTON has a law and order society that industriously prosecutes all saloon keepers who in any way are guilty of violations of the liquor laws of the state. Recently Peter Schweitzer was arrested on complaint of the society for selling liquor on Sunday. The proceedings were had before a justice of the peace and were begun by a capias. The act under which prosecution was begun authorized the collection of $50 from the delinquent for every offense committed, "to be recovered before any mayor, alderman, burgess or justice of the peace as debts of like amount are now by law recoverable in any action of debt brought in the name of the commonwealth, etc. Judge Schuyler when the case was certiorared before him by the defendant decided promptly that as the action had been begun by a capias, which was not permissible in an action for debt, the proceedings before the justice were null and void. While this may seem a little hard for the society, Judge Schuyler is cruel only to be kind. Unless a conviction under the law can be had, better no conviction at all.

LOSSES BY ACCIDENT.

Serious Damage Done by Fire and Other Destructive Agencies.

At Sharpsburg, Penna., five miles east of Pittsburg, an explosion of natural gas set fire to Moorhead Brothers & Co's Vesuvian iron works, and caused damage to the extent of $15,000. The post office block in Dodge city, Kansas, was burned on Sunday. Loss $75,000. A fire in Beloit, Kansas, on Sunday, destroyed the City opera house, Avenue hotel, and Freeman's store, causing a loss of $40,000.

A fleet of seven coal boats and six barges broke from their moorings near Pittsburg on Sunday night, and six of the coal boats and five of the barges, containing 235,000 bushels of coal, sank in the Ohio river. One of the boats is said to be in the channel, and will seriously interfere with navigation. The loss is $25,000.

A Wabash Toledo train bound for St. Louis was thrown from the track near Venice station, Illinois, by a broken rail. The baggage car and smoker fell into a ditch. Eleven persons, seven of them passengers, were injured. J. J. Matlack, express messenger, sustained fatal injuries.

The loss by the burning of the Bay State Sugar refinery in Boston, on Sunday night is estimated at nearly $300,000, and the loss on the adjoining properties at $75,000. The insurance on the refinery building, stock and machinery aggregates $535,131.

AN AMERICAN ROMANCE.

THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF A BEREFT CALIFORNIA WIFE.

Her Rise From Poverty and Obscurity to Opulence and Fame—Her Millions Give Her Social Position and Her Daughter to Wed a Prince.

Some twenty odd years ago there dwelt in California a family of three persons, father, mother and daughter. The latter was a mere child. All were young. The father was a physician. Unfortunately he injured his not very extensive practice by intemperance. His habits became so dissipated that the poor wife, despairing of his reformation, and also of the possibility of independent action on her own part to secure support for herself and child, proposed a separation. The man agreed to it, but he was not put out like Rip Van Winkle. He was assured that while he lived she would never cease to help him, and that when he mended his ways their old relations should be restored. He departed, to cure himself, if possible, and become worthy of the woman, who, sorely beset, undertook the maintenance of the family. Encouraged by his wife's prayers, letters and heroic conduct, the doctor redeemed himself. At least he thought so, and his poor wife was more than willing to believe it. He returned to her home and heart, warmly welcomed back to both.

Unluckily, he had either miscalculated his will power or the demon of indulgence was simply asleep, and by no means dead within him. He went back to his cups, and very soon the skeleton finger of poverty was laid upon his domestic affairs. The devoted wife, unwilling to undertake an experimental separation, and unable to remain where she was, determined to try what change of scene would do for this miserable man, who, naturally kind, talented, and wholesome, seemed to be insanely abandoned to the devil of strong drink. Just at this crisis, rumors had reached California of the Comstock Lode discovery, and thither many of the mining population drifted. Across the Sierras to Virginia City this little and most wretched family journeyed. The man for pulled himself together for a while and did some business, but his health was gone, and very soon he died. Widow and orphan were left in the very depths of poverty. The generous miners had clubbed together to bury the doctor. The made up a purse for the mother and child, from time to time, and thus saved both from utter deprivation of food, shelter and raiment.

Her Marriage With Mackay.

There was, at that time, superintendent of one of the mines, a sturdy young Irishman, who, from the lowest rounds of the ladder, had begun to push his way to fortune. He was not then more than comfortably well off, and little dreamed of the Monte Cristo casket in store for him. He used to carry the weekly or monthly stipend to the widow, and his visits to her became more and more frequent. At last he married her and her days of fear on the score of poverty were over. She possessed a well-to-do husband, who was the master of his passions, and certain to make his way in the world. But in the days of distress the unhappy woman had resorted to the morphine habit, and could not, of her own effort, release herself from it. A young physician at Virginia City, who had recently graduated in France, informed her that if she would visit Paris and put herself implicitly under the care of his old master there, her cure could be guaranteed. While the husband remained to uncover, with the present junior senator from Nevada, the richest silver deposit the world has ever known, the wife crossed the seas and submitted to a rigorous medical treatment. It was successful after many months of endurance. Meanwhile the famous California and Consolidated Virginia mines were penetrated by the husband, and the world-renowned big bonanza, of which he was principal owner, made him at least forty times a millionaire. The wife in Paris, now perfectly cared and blooming, at once rose into prominence and celebrity, for how could the marvelloving Parisians help adoring a woman whose talents and beauty were matched by such fabulous wealth so romantically discovered.

Her Position in Paris.

For years this lady, who is no other than Mrs. John Mackay, has been a silver queen in the most splendid capital of Europe. She has lived in palaces. Noblemen and men of genius have paid court at her shrine. She outshone the empress, when the empire survived, and, during the alleged Republic, she has refused for her daughter the hand of royalty itself. Money, world without end, has been at her disposal and she has lavished her gold like one born in the purple. It was wittily said that when the French government declined to allow her to illuminate at her own expense, the Arc de Triomphe, she lauteringly offered to buy it at the government's own price! Her sister married an Italian count, said to be a genuine article, who was rich, distinguished, enterprising, and a gentleman. He has for some time been building railways from Texas to Mexico. Mrs. Mackay is a devout member of the Catholic church, and her alms-giving is munificent as her powers of conversion are said to be as potent, in some directions, as those of Monsignor Capel in others. Though thoroughly good and pious, she has a woman's pardonable vanity as to personal pulchritude, which is all the more precious to her because it is about to banish. Hence her world-famous quarrel with the illustrious Meissonier, whose portrait of her was pronounced by her friends a "perfect fright," while the old artist and his cabal insisted that it was a triumph of realism. At any rate, Mrs. Mackay paid $25,000 for the canvas, and, to the horror of many Frenchmen who value the least work of the great master as a spark of divinity, she threw it into the fire, and commissioned the equally eminent Bonnat to do her lineaments justice for another great sum of circulating medium.

A Premonition.

From the Leisure Hour.

Mr. Notcutt was a highly respectable independent minister in Ipswich, the ancestor of a succession of ministers of the same name, in the same town and church. Before he was married, the lady to whom he was engaged dreamed that she was, while going over a house which was unknown to her—and in a little room, a sort of linen-closet which she had never seen—seized with a violent bleeding from the nose, and all attempts to stop it were quite unavailing. Shortly before her marriage, the happy young girl was going over her future home with Mr. Notcutt; she began to recognize the house, and at last, coming upon a closet such as we have described, she exclaimed: "Why, this is the very closet where I was in my dream when my nose began to bleed!"

They were married; years passed along; she became a mother and a grandmother. Exactly forty years passed away, but the dream was not forgotten. One day, while in the very closet superintending the putting away of some linen, her nose began to bleed, and continued to do so without intermission. All efforts were, as in the dream, quite unavailing, and the old lady succumbed to the hemorrhage, and so death visited the manse.

FAR BELOW ZERO.

The Cold Weather That Broke Upon the West on Monday.

Monday was the coldest day of the year in Chicago, the temperature in the morning being 19 degrees below zero. In the Northwest the weather was milder than in the previous twenty-four hours. At Winnipeg, the temperature was 14 degrees below zero; Jamestown, 16 below; Fargo, 17 below, and St. Paul, 19 below. A telegram from Cleveland, says that only the sudden and severe frost prevented another flood in the small rivers in Ohio, as all were rising. The gale of Saturday was terrible. The temperature fell 25 degrees in two hours, and the cold was accompanied by a fierce sleet and wind storm. The damage caused by both in Northern Ohio was large. Fruit and ornamental trees suffered severely on every side, and all the railway lines are blocked. Some are being cleared and others abandoned until the snap is over. "From detailed reports received so far, it looks as if the storm has cost Northern Ohio several millions of dollars." At Dubuque, Iowa, the temperature was 35 degrees below zero at 5 o'clock in the morning, and 20 below at half-past eight. At Freeport, Ill., 34 below zero was touched.

Oyster Shuckers Go on a Strike.

All but four of one hundred oyster shuckers employed in two oyster packing houses in Baltimore, struck on Monday against a reduction of five cents per gallon. They paraded the streets, and put a stop to the filling of orders by the house where they were employed.

PERSONAL.

HARRY W. OLIVER is an Irishman.

EVARTS has eleven children and his family expenses eat up a big professional income.

CHEVALIER LUZZENI, a French preacher, gave Pennsylvania's great coal county its name.

EDGAR ALLAN POE's wife's body has been laid in a grave beside his in a Baltimore cemetery.

LABOUCHERE thinks there are few arts in which there is so much humbug as in painting.

GOVERNOR PATTISON took part in the reopening services of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Lebanon, on Sunday.

VANDERBILT is said to be tired of his Pennsylvania investments and willing to sell out his South Pennsylvania enterprise to the P. R. R.

MRS. EUGENIA MASON, of Frankford, Philadelphia, whose death is announced, was a slave of Thomas Jefferson and was at his bedside when he died.

EMORY SPEER will be nominated for U. S. District Judge for Southern Georgia, and Carroll D. Wright, of Massachusetts, for commissioner of labor statistics.

REV. DR. JOSEPH PARKER, of London, thinks that "poetic justice will not be done until the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher is installed in London as the American minister at the court of St. James and the successor to Mr. Lowell".

REV. C. R. HENRY, a returned missionary from China, will deliver a lecture in the Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening, on the subject "China." He is said to be an interesting and instructive lecturer and will doubtless have a large audience.

REV. DR. STONE, a retired Episcopal clergyman, having his residence in West Chester, has been stricken with paralysis and fears are entertained that he will not survive the affliction. He is quite old and is known throughout the state for his labors in the ministry.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA characterizes the French as an "essentially mercurial, frivolous, gallant and heartless people." Mr. Sala was in Paris when the German troops were closing in upon it, and was arrested as a Prussian spy, and very roughly handled. Evidently he has not forgiven the French people for this unpleasant mistake.

EX-SENATOR CHAS. R. BUCKALEW tells a story of Gov. Ritner, calling over the roll of prothonotaries by counties arranged in alphabetical order. The "A's" had been gone through with and in most of the "B's," when a man from Contreras mire, getting impatient wished to know how long he'd have to wait. "Center county," said the governor, say any town at decent of the list, of course, but die yes."

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Something Quite Unexpected.

A very extraordinary case is that of Mr. T. O. Hall, one of the best known newspaper men in Louisville, Ky. For sixteen years he had been afflicted with dyspepsia and had given up all hope of ever being cured. He was also troubled with indigestion, for which he tried Brown's Iron Bitters. He writes: "The bitters did splendidly for indigestion, and the latter commenced itching and developed into the surface and for four days was almost covered from head to foot with eczema. Still I never thought the bitters was causing the trouble until Mrs. H. suggested it, and I then realized that my great torment had a master. I bathed the latter externally, softening the surface thoroughly, so as to scrub off the scales, and then took like fully perspiration on a considerable body. Then in a very short time the itching sensation stopped. The eczema cured by the application of the bitter is not yet healed but I know that the cause of the intolerable trouble is forever removed."

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