

FANNY CROSBY, FAMED AS WRITER OF HYMNS, DEAD

Blind From Infancy, 95 Years Old, Author of 8000 Sacred Lyrics Known All Over World.

"SAFE IN ARMS OF JESUS," FAMOUS CROSBY HYMN

Fanny Crosby's most popular hymn, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," was made immortal when it was sung throughout the country at the time of General Grant's burial in August 8, 1865.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 12.—Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer, author of about 8000 hymns, died here this morning after a long illness. She would have been 95 years old on March 24 of this year.

Fanny Crosby, in private life Mrs. Frances Jane Van Alstyne, was born in Southeast, N. Y. She became blind when six weeks old, due to hot poultices applied to her eyes during an illness, thus destroying the optic nerve.

At the age of 15 she entered the Institute for the Blind in New York, where later she became teacher of English grammar and rhetoric and American and Roman history.

Her most famous hymn, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," took her only 15 minutes to write. Her sacred lyrics have been translated into several languages.

In 1858 she was married to Alexander Van Alstyne, a blind teacher of the school in which she formerly taught. He was a brilliant musician and a fine classical scholar. Soon after the death of her husband, in 1902, she wrote a group of hymns, including "Only a Step to Jesus," "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," "To the Work," "Blessed Assurance," "I Am Thine, O Lord," "Only a Beam of Sunshine," "Rescue the Perishing," "Just a Word for Jesus" and "Saved by Grace."

Some of her best-known songs are "There's Music in the Air," "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," "Jesus, the Water of Life Will Give," "Hazel Dell," "The Home-Struck Glen," "Rosalie, the Prairie Flower." Her cantatas of "The Flower Queen" and the "Pilgrim Fathers" had a great deal of popularity in their day.

Miss Crosby had enjoyed the personal friendship of many prominent men, among them Presidents Tyler and Van Buren, Henry Clay, William H. Seward and General Winfield Scott. On the death of Henry Clay's son in the battle of Monterey, Miss Crosby dedicated a poem to the famous statesman. It was not till the close of the Civil War that she really struck her poetical vein.

Her excellent musical instruction received in her early days naturally improved her fine sense of rhythm, which helped her in song writing.

SUNDAY EXPRESSES SORROW

Meant to Visit Fanny Crosby Should He Go to Boston.

"Billy" Sunday was just about to sign a letter to Fanny Crosby's physician, in which he stated that he hoped to stop at Bridgeport to call on the famous hymn writer should he visit Boston next April, when he received news of her death this morning.

He expressed great sorrow over the news, which came as a surprise, as a letter from Miss Crosby's physician this week contained no information that would indicate there was danger of her death. Many references have been made to Mrs. Crosby and her famous hymns by the evangelist in his sermons, and he often held up before discouraged persons the story of her happy and helpful life.

The letter from her physician conveyed the hymn writer's wish that she might meet Sunday. At her request the physician advised Sunday that she had gained much inspiration from the evangelist's sermon on "Eternity," which the doctor had read to her. She also advised him she was constantly praying for him and his work.

AGED TENOR WARBLER HEART SONG IN NIGHT COURT SHOW

"Where the Sweet Magnolias Grow" Wins Freedom for Prisoner.

Scene—Night Court, City Hall. Time—Just after midnight this morning.

Interlocutor—Magistrate Carson. Bones—Mendicant Songster. Bones—Mendicant Songster. Interlocutor—What's the charge? Bones—Dishevelled man, I done foun' his wanderin' roun' City Hall, singin' at the top of his voice, an' beggin' folks for money.

Interlocutor—Hm. Well, you know what I did with those other fellows for beggin', don't you? Sent 'em up to the Correction for three months. What have you to say for yourself?

Bones—Please, Judge, yo' Honah, I ain't never beg nobs. I can support mahself, I kin.

Interlocutor—What do you do? Bones—Please, Mr. Interlocutor, ah'm a minstrel man, ah am. Ah sings foh mah money what I git. I'm mighty nigh 60 year old naw, but I kin still do some singin'.

Interlocutor—What do you sing? Bones—Well, I sings ten or 'leven or twelve.

Interlocutor—Ah! A joker, too. Tenor singer and minstrel joker. What songs can you sing? Bones—Well, yoh Honah, I kin sing "Where the Sweet Magnolias Grow" pretty good foh an' ol' man.

Interlocutor—Mr. Bones will now sing "Where the Sweet Magnolias Grow." Bones—Ef I sings this all right, Judge, yo' Honah, can I go?

Interlocutor—Yes, if you prove to me that you can sing I'll let you go. Bones—Yassah, Professo', play the bones. (Sings "Where the Sweet Magnolias Grow.")

Other Minstrel—Hurrah! Go to it, Ol' Boy. (Applauds.)

Interlocutor—Very good, Mr. Bones. You may go. Exit Bones. (They all sing "Kiss Your Minstrel Boy Good-by, Babe.")

CURTAIN.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

CLASSIFYING this on February 12, 1915, CAPTAIN JOHN W. WARD, in the 64th year of his age, died at his home, 222 York street, at 10:30 a. m. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was a native of New York. He was buried in the City Hall cemetery at 2 o'clock p. m. He was the father of Mrs. Mary W. Ward, who is the widow of the late Captain Ward.

FAMOUS HYMN WRITER DEAD



Fannie Crosby, author of hundreds of hymns and religious poems, has succumbed to illness at the age of 95.

AGED COUPLE WALK FROM NEW YORK TO THIS CITY

Woman Collapses as She Reaches Police Station.

A man and his wife, who walked most of the way from New York to this city, will be sent to Pittsburgh today. Travel to them by train will be almost unbelievably luxurious.

They are Joseph Duff and his wife, Catharine, 89 years of age. They staggered into the 11th and Winter streets station late last night and the woman collapsed. Her husband had a cabinet-making shop in New York, but through illness he lost all his business.

Relatives in Pittsburgh offered to give them a home, so they started to walk. Save for occasional rides on farm wagons and trolley cars, they were walking most of the time. What little sleep they had was snatched when the sun was warmest through the day. All night they trudged on. A collection taken up among the bluecoats bought them the best meal they had had in many months.

School Alumni to Give Farce

The Wyoming-Kearney Alumni Association will present a one-act farce, "The Hiartville Shakespeare Club," at the Kearney School, 6th street and Fairmount avenue, tonight at 8 o'clock. The cast includes the Misses Berdow, Kynderman, Olive and Merav. David Waxman is director of the play.

Joy Settlement Chartered

The Joy Settlement, which maintains a neighborhood house at 516 Brown street, was granted a charter yesterday by Judge Briggs. The settlement was founded by Miss Marguerite I. Weston, formerly of Dayton, O., for the improvement of spiritual and social conditions in the neighborhood.

B. AND O. FLYER HITS 'BUS CARRYING SIXTEEN MEN

Three Seriously Injured on Way From Fraternal Visit.

ELKTON, Md., Feb. 12.—Fifteen members of the Northeast Tribe, Independent Order of Red Men, returning home at an early hour this morning after paying a fraternal visit to the Little Elk Tribe at Cherry Hill, three miles north of Elkton, had a marvelous escape from death at the Singery crossing on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad when their coach, drawn by two horses, was struck by a Royal Blue Express westbound.

Three members of the party and the driver received serious injuries. The injured are J. R. K. Moffitt, Vaughan Harvey, Henry Boyer and Jim Grant, a Negro, the driver, all of Northeast. One of the horses was killed.

This is the second accident at Singery Crossing within the last few months, the other occurring in October last when an automobile was struck by a westbound train and four killed.

VALENTINES Unusual Assortment of Odd Creations, or Why Not a Book? The BOOK SHOP 1701-1703 Chestnut St.

BRITISH IRE FEARED IF CONTRABAND NOTE TO U. S. IS PUBLISHED

Second Reply to American Protest Sent to Washington—Anti-American Sentiment Grows.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—England's second reply to the American note on the subject of contraband has been delivered to Ambassador Page and is being cabled to Washington. It is described as being frank and friendly. This was the description given by Sir Edward Grey's first reply before it was actually made, and it proved unyielding, in virtually every particular, to American suggestions and demands. There is every indication that this second note follows the same line, and the situation therefore involves a diplomatic argument of some length.

GOVERNOR OPPOSES LICENSE Does Not Want Liquor Sold in State-owned Hotel

HARRISBURG, Feb. 12.—Governor Brumbaugh no sooner learned that application had been made for a liquor license for a State-owned property in the newly acquired Capitol Park extension than he declared himself opposed to it.

"I am certainly opposed to the granting of any liquor license for a property owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, either here or anywhere else," said he; "and if the Attorney General were here today I would take up the matter with him."

WALTON'S PLEA IN VAIN State Unable to Pay City for Primary Election Expenses

The plea of City Controller Walton sent to Philadelphia's State Senators urging that action be taken to secure from the Commonwealth an amount in excess of \$400,000, claimed by Philadelphia as primary election expenses during the last eight years will apparently produce no result.

Funds available for payment of primary election claims have been depleted to such an extent that, until the general deficiency bill carrying \$150,000 for such claims is signed by Governor Brumbaugh, there are not sufficient funds to meet Philadelphia's demand. A compromise suggested to the Philadelphia County Commissioners by the Auditor General, with a reduction of \$100,000 from the original claim, has been rejected by the commissioners.

Tabernacle Too Small for Evangelist

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Feb. 12.—Because the tabernacle to be erected in Conshohocken for evangelistic services would accommodate but 100 persons, not enough, it is said, to cover the expenses of his party, the Rev. C. C. Jordan has canceled his engagement.

LIT BROTHERS IN OUR BIG RESTAURANT—BEST OF EVERYTHING AT LOWEST PRICES—FIFTH FLOOR LIT BROTHERS Our February Sale of FURNITURE This Great Manufacturers' Sale HATS TRIMMED FREE OF CHARGE Lit Brothers Double Yellow Trading Stamps With Every 10c Purchase Until Noon : After That, Until Closing Time, Single Stamps Market Eighth Filbert Seventh Is providing the most seasonable merchandise at sensationally low prices.

Ordinarily You Could Not Buy Just the Materials In This Clothing for These Sums They Mark the Turning Point of Our Clothing Stocks—the Clearaway of Late Winter Styles, Preparatory to the Reception of the New, Light-weight Clothing for Spring. At these low prices it will pay you to buy an overcoat for next winter—buy while many of the suits are comfortable, medium-weight, that can be worn until warm weather arrives. And all of the materials are pure wool. Men's \$12.50 to \$18.50 Chesterfield Overcoats & Balmacaans, \$8 In chinchillas, meltons, cassimeres and velours—many with double-warp serge body-lining, and satin sleeve lining. \$12.00 Overcoats . . . \$6.75 \$20 and \$22.50 Overcoats . . . \$11 \$25 & \$26.50 Overcoats, \$14.50 Men's Trousers, \$1.98 & \$3.35 (Formerly \$3.50 to \$5.50) Men's Full-Dress Vests . . . \$1.69 (Formerly \$3) Men's Suits \$15 to \$16.50 Kinds reduced to . . . \$8.75 \$20 and \$22.50 Kinds reduced to . . . \$11 \$25 and \$28 Kinds reduced to . . . \$15.50 Boys' \$4.50 to \$6 \$2.85 Overcoats . . . Latest styles with shawl or convertible collar. Sizes 7 to 18 years and for small men. Boys' \$4.50 and 2.45 \$5 Overcoats . . . Sizes 2 1/2 to 10. Boys' \$7.50 Chin- \$4.98 chilla Reefers . . . Regulation style, wool lined and chevron on sleeve. Sizes 2 1/2 to 12. Boys' \$4.50 Blue \$2.50 Serge Suits . . . Russian and sailor styles. Sizes 2 1/2 to 10 years. Boys' \$2.50 Regatta \$1 Wash Suits . . . Oliver Twist, Russian and sailor styles. Sizes 2 1/2 to 10. SECOND FLOOR

The Templing of Tavernake By E. Phillips Oppenheim This remarkable story begins in the Evening Ledger tomorrow, Saturday, February 13th. Oppenheim, prince of storytellers, has woven a great tale of romance and adventure that will hold you to the very final chapter. Don't miss it. Begins Tomorrow

Mid-February Clearance Includes Much Apparel, Wearable for Spring And Offers Truly Astonishing Values in Suits, Coats and Frocks of the Nicest Qualities—Most Appealing Styles Top Coats at a Fraction of Their Former Prices Misses' \$15 Coats, \$7.50 Jaunty styles in two-tone mixtures, black, blue and catwaba ribbelines, chinchillas and boucles. Many pretty cape coats in lot—and some trimmed with velvet. One sketched. Misses' \$20 and \$25 Coats . . . \$10 An exceptional assortment in fur-trimmed plushes, fine velours, dvelours, imported mixtures, pebble chevots and boucles. Many of the latest belted styles and fully satin lined. Suits at an Average Half of What They've Previously Been Misses' \$18.50 to \$22.50 Suits . . . \$8.50 Jaunty military, dressy fur or velvet trimmed and other smart styles; in serge, diagonal, chevot, gabardine, poplin and broadcloth. Picture shows one. Women's \$30 to \$47.50 Suits . . . \$15 Handsome tailor-mades in imported broadcloths, velvet, imported ratine, serge, whipcord, diagonal and wool poplins; in all fashionable shades. Special Sale of New Spring Dresses Misses' \$19.50 Gabardine Frocks . . . \$11.50 In navy blue, black and beige, in smart suspender style, with military collar and high waist line. SECOND FLOOR

AGAIN TODAY! Extraordinary Values in Stylish Wool Dress Goods Our Usual February Sale Offers Selection of the Smartest Weaves and Colorings at Prices Totally Unexpected at the Beginning of the Season. Here's how the prices run: \$2.50 Imported Black Broadcloth, \$1.39 54-inch . . . Superior quality, in the correct chiffon weight, with permanent high lustrous finish. \$1 All-Wool Storm 69c Serge . . . Firmly woven; pure worsted quality; in black, navy, midnight and midnight blue. The weight that tailors so nicely; 69 inches wide. 85c Storm Serges . . . 48c Half-wool and 60 inches wide. Closely woven, with fine twill. In navy, midnight blue and black. FIRST FLOOR, SOUTH Women's \$1.25 79c KID GLOVES . . . Two-clasp kid, with flat embroidered backs, in black, white and colors; also black with white and white with black backs. MAIN ARCADE

WE TRIM ALL HATS FREE \$2 and \$3 Untrimmed Spring Hats Special at 89c The new season is just opening—extraordinary purchase brings prices down to much less than half of the actual values. Choice of smart boat-shape turbans, little and big sailors and oddly chic novelty shapes. They are in hemp and satin of a new blue called "mitraille," black, battleship gray, sand and other of the prettiest Spring shades. Two are sketched. Fruit and Flower 49c, 69c and 75c Wreaths, special. One of the most fashionable Spring hat trimmings. FIRST FLOOR, NORTH

Here's a Wonderful Sale of SHOES For Boys and for Girls Two Great Purchases: Sample Lines Stocks From the Lehigh Valley Shoe Co., of Allentown, and the Halifax Shoe Co., of Halifax, Pa. These purchases enable us to sell these sturdy, stylish, splendid shoes \$1.19 At Lowest Prices Quoted This Season In fact, we never knew such shoes to sell for so little money. They come in patent coltskin and dull gun-metal calf, in button styles, with broad toes, cloth and dull leather tops. They are fresh, new shoes, right from the factory, and every pair is guaranteed for wear. Misses' and Children's \$1.75 to \$1.19 \$2 Shoes (8 1/2 to 2) . . . Children's \$1.50 to 79c Big Girls' \$3 and \$1.98 \$1.75 Shoes (4 to 8) 79c \$3.50 Shoes . . . In patent coltskin and gun-metal calf; cloth and dull leather tops. Sizes 2 1/2 to 6. \$1.65 Boys' \$2 to \$3 Shoes . . . \$1.65 In gun-metal calf, patent coltskin and dull leather tops, with welted and flexible soles with rubber bottom and Blucher. Sizes 1 to 4. FIRST FLOOR, NORTH