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THIRTY-THIRD YEAR.

SAFE SLATE.

Boyer Re-Elected Speaker of the House, With J. W. Morrison Chief Clerk.

RAN STILL KICKING.

Rutan is Very Free in His Opinions on Senate Librarian De Laney.

WORKING ON THE SLATE.

Effect of a Break—A Surprise From Rutan Wins in the Even With Speaker—Cochran's Defeat Certain, Favored by Magee—Ex-Major

Boyer and Morrison were re-elected Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House. The members were congratulated on the fact that the caucus was the largest that ever has assembled in Pennsylvania. Neither party had ever so large a representation in the House.

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AN EVENTFUL WEEK FOR SENATORS

In This First One of the New Year, When Several Legislatures Meet.

SEATS OF SIXTEEN ARE IN DOUBT.

Mr. Kern, of West Virginia, seems to be having the latest time.

This is a particularly important week to 16 United States Senators, and their would-be successors.

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African Race.

Mr. Mahoney will speak on the subject of Catholic schools.

A LOVING WIFE'S DEVOTION

Exhibited in the Way Mrs. Logan Will Preserve the General's Memory.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—The recent reinterment of General Logan's remains has revived interest in the plans which Mrs. Logan is constantly devising for the perpetuation of the memory of her husband.

The memorial hall which was planned for the city of Washington, and which is nearing completion, and will be ready for inspection by the time Mrs. Logan returns from Europe. The plans are all her own, and the work is being carried out with the most careful attention to her designs.

The room of court, 40 feet by 25, has since been used as a storage and lumber room, but when General Logan died his widow conceived the idea of reserving this bare apartment into a memorial hall, in which shall be placed the interesting collection of relics which the General had accumulated in his long career of public service.

Contracts Hung Up.

A Big Railroad Fight Brewing—Employers and Employees Look On.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The contractors between the various railroad companies in Brooklyn and their employees for another year will not be signed for several days, as there are some difficulties in the way.

The employees have made greater demands this year than ever before. The contract last year provided that the conductors, drivers, and brakemen should be obliged to work not more than 10 hours, and the work should be performed within 14 executive hours.

This year the period within which the 10 hours' work is performed is reduced to 12 hours. Last year the hostlers were obliged to attend to 20 horses, and this year they want the number reduced to 18. There are a few other changes in the interest of the men.

The disposition among the officers of the various companies is opposed to the acceptance of these proposals, and unless there are mutual concessions the opening week of the new year may possibly witness one of the bitterest strikes in the history of the city.

A Clerical Scandal.

A Minister Charges His Wife With Polygamy and Has Her Arrested.

LOWELL, Mass., December 31.—A sensational item of domestic trouble in high life from Lowell, Mass., is spreading the people and lower classes are spreading the news of a wife's disgrace as fast as their tongues can tell the tale.

The wife of the Rev. John Haskell, the well-known Congregational minister of Lowell, is charged with polygamy. Her name is Mrs. Haskell, and she is said to have had several other husbands.

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THEOLOGY IN FICTION.

Mrs. Ward's Book Attacked and Defended by Fulp Giants—The Church Turned Up by the Teachings of Robert Elmer.

HUSTLING FOR NATURAL GAS.

The Discovery on Long Island Causes a Crazy-Everybody Proposition.

NEW YORK, December 31.—A natural gas fever has struck the village of Newtown, L. I. Since George S. Jervis discovered gas in a gully on his farm, on the old Court road, the people of Newtown have forsaken their usual occupations, and are now intently engaged in prospecting for gas.

With a stick in one hand and a tumbler in the other they wander about the marshes in the rain and mud endeavoring to capture a gas well. The gas found on Mr. Jervis' premises has been traced to a small stream known as Horse Brook, about 50 feet from where it was first discovered. It was found to exist in greater quantities along the stream.

This announcement gave the discovery a big boom. Everybody who owned property along the stream began prospecting. They all discovered gas in greater or less quantities. Mr. Jervis and his friends stated that the gas found by them is the same as that which is found in Pennsylvania, and points to the nearest of iron and coal to substantiate their assertion.

The Newtown Natural Gas Company has been formed, with George S. Jervis as president, James P. Rapley, Secretary, and John H. Gifford, Treasurer. They propose to try and locate the main source of the gas. Mr. Jervis has already made preparations for sinking a four-inch pipe on his property.

MAY BE SETTLED AT LAST.

Burlington Officials and the Brotherhood Committee Hold a Conference.

CHICAGO, December 31.—A protracted conference was held to-day between the officials of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road and the Brotherhood Committee of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, with a view to the settlement of a difference between the company and the engineers. No conclusion was reached and the conference was adjourned until to-morrow.

After the adjournment Mr. Wirt Dexter, Solicitor for the road, said that the meeting was only an informal one, and that simply a general talk was the result. He said, however, that the committee would meet the officials again to-morrow, and it was almost a certainty that the trouble would be patched up.

In speaking of the strike to-day, a Texas and Rio Grande engineer said: "The Brotherhood has grown ruder and more arrogant every day. They are not only taking up the work, but they are also taking up the work of the men entirely without support. Over 50 per cent of the strikers are still unemployed, and are, in fact, black-listed by all roads in sympathy with the 'Q.' It has already cost the Brotherhood \$20,000 to support the strikers, and something else, and that at once."

DIVISION OF PROFITS.

All the Employers of a Big Concern Become Stockholders.

NEW YORK, December 31.—A year ago the trustees of the Central Trust Company adopted a resolution to the effect that a certain figure in the year 1888, \$25,000 should be divided among the employees of the company. That amount was divided to-day, or nearly all of it. The division was equal to 25 per cent of each salary, and a balance of \$2,000 was carried forward to hold a special fund for the relief of any of the clerks who may need assistance on account of sickness or other misfortunes.

In accordance with a system that the employees of the company have practiced for some time, nearly the entire amount distributed among them to-day was at once invested in the stock of the concern. The aggregate investments were 100 shares, making the total investment of the employees, other than the officers, 170 shares of the present market value of \$102,000. All of 27 clerks, with the exception of two, are now stockholders in the company. Their interest in the concern is such that none of them are under bonds for the proper performance of his duties.

THAT CRUEL HOAX.

The Mexico Joke May Get Into Serious Trouble Over His Fun.

CITY OF MEXICO, December 31.—President Diaz, Secretary of the Interior, Romero Rubio, and Secretary of Finance Dublan, expressed great indignation when informed of the circulation in the United States of a rumor that an uprising had taken place in this city. They say that peace was never on a firmer basis than at present.

President Diaz has expressed a resolution to punish the author of the hoax if he can be discovered.

A PARTIAL VICTORY.

The Master in the Injunction Case Rules That the Evidence is With the Anarchists—A Question of Law, Not of Fact.

CHICAGO, December 31.—The Master in Chancery, Thomas G. Windes, made his report to-day on the application of the Arbitrer Bund for an injunction restraining the city police from preventing Anarchist meetings. The report reviews both the facts and the law at length, and shows that the Master made a thorough examination of the legal authorities.

Master Windes finds no precedent for interference by injunction with official conduct unless the facts are such as to justify a chancellor in making a preliminary injunction where it is established that the defendant is likely to do some injury to the plaintiff, and that the injury is irreparable.

As to the facts, he finds that the complainants have a constitutional right to meet, that there is no testimony beyond the mere belief of Chief Hubbard and Inspector Bond that the complainants desire to overthrow the Government of the State and nation. The affidavits of the complainants and 11 other citizens, no one of whom has ever been accused of crime, say that they are not interested in the case, and that they are not subject to police interference.

The Master decides that he will not issue an injunction restraining the city police from preventing Anarchist meetings with their usual objects in view. "Council for defendants insisted on arguing that an injunction should not interfere with the law and conservators of the peace by the judiciary, which is unwarranted. The position that an injunction should not interfere with the law and conservators of the peace by the judiciary is unwarranted. The position that an injunction should not interfere with the law and conservators of the peace by the judiciary is unwarranted."

The attorney for the Arbitrer Bund considers the report of the Master a partial victory on the part of the complainants. He says: "The facts are in my favor, but the whole affair narrows down to a question of law, and not of fact. The Chief of Police Hubbard said: 'When the speakers at the meetings of the Anarchists say that the streets have got to flow with blood before they can get their rights, it is plain that the speakers are not for any good purpose. At any meeting where the law is openly defied we shall see that it is suppressed.'"

MAD ENOUGH TO FIGHT.

Parson Downs Demands a Prompt Apology From a Brother Minister.

BOSTON, December 31.—Parson Downs is again posing as a martyr before the good people of Boston. Ever since his trial the minister of other churches has turned the cold shoulder to him, and have withheld from him the fellowship which bound the others so closely. He has conducted respect in Bunstable Hall each Sunday, but there has been no pleasant relations between him and the other ministers in the city. This has nettled him not a little, but he has held his peace.

Now, however, he is as mad as a March hare because a minister in whose church he spoke while conducting a funeral service, published a card apologizing therefore. That was the last straw, and now Parson Downs will rise in his wrath and demand from Gifford, the offending minister, a personal apology for the same. Parson Gifford declines to apologize, and the public is awaiting the next chapter.

IT NEVER TOUCHED HER.

A Woman Falls From a Four-Story House-top and is Merely Sobered.

NEW YORK, December 31.—Mrs. Catherine McGuire got drunk last night. She sat down on the roof of the four-story tenement house in which she lives, to cool off. She threw a brick at Mr. McGuire when he asked her to come to bed, and smashed several windows with tiles which she tore from the roof.

Then she fell asleep and tumbled off. She struck the curb. Half an hour later she was picked up sober, and carried to the hospital. She called all the doctors names and wanted to walk home. She had suffered only two or three braces.

December Decrease of the Debt.

WASHINGTON, December 31.—It is estimated that the Treasury Department during the month of December has decreased the public debt during the month of December.

Wants, For Sales, To Lots, etc., will reach the public quickly through the Columns of THE DISPATCH.

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