

FIGHTING THE SMOKE.

Efforts in Chicago to Abate the Black Cloud Over the City.

CLEAN CLOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

Where Every Stack Belches Forth Its Quota of Greasy Soot.

REFORMS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.)

CHICAGO, March 23.—The movement for the suppression of the smoke nuisance in Chicago is meeting with success. No city in the country, perhaps none in the world, produced more smoke than Chicago. The offense had become unbearable. A black cloud, like a pall, hung over the city from morning until night. The town looked grimy and greasy, and the people could not have been more unwholesome if they had spent the winter in a farmer's smokehouse. Clean clothing was out of the question. A new suit turned gray within 24 hours, and a fresh collar was black before the wearer could get to his place of business.

The impossibility of maintaining a respectable appearance developed a habit of slovenliness in dress that was painful to a visitor. Because a collar was so soon soiled there was little to be gained by changing it, so the average business man wore the dirty covering of his neck day after day. Men did not wash their heads before going to work, because the incense in appearance would have excited comment. The Health Commissioner, in his last report to the City Council, said: "The all-prevailing smoke permeates every home and saturates the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat. The most sacred precincts of every home are defiled; the very fountains from which infancy draws its sustenance are polluted."

Curing Without a Prescription. A city cannot live and prosper under such conditions as these. Notwithstanding the Health Department of the city government realized the magnitude of the smoke nuisance, it was powerless to prevent or lessen the smoke. In the first place the department had no remedy for the disease. It went about commanding a cure without offering any prescription. Manufacturers and other producers of smoke became sullen and defiant under the present regulations. They paid the fines levied against them, but continued to smoke. They could do nothing else unless they went out of business. Many accepted the alternative and moved to suburban towns that were willing to cater and drink smoke to gain business. It became a question demanding serious consideration whether the exodus would not in time affect the prosperity of Chicago.

It was under these circumstances that the Society for the Prevention of Smoke was organized by the leading business men of the city. It elected an active young newspaper man, Edward J. Phelps, Secretary, who is practically Manager. An experienced consulting engineer, Charles A. White, was obtained at Dunkirk, N. Y., and a staff of assistant engineers and inspectors was added. The active work of the society was begun January 26, last. Proceedings against offenders were begun about February 9. The first offenders whose premises were examined were those who sent applications for advice. There have been about 20 such applications to date, and in reply 18 reports have been sent.

How Examinations Are Made. Examinations and reports are made somewhat as follows: An inspector or engineer is sent to examine the premises, and spends from three to four hours at the plant. If he concludes that he can make a report which will enable the owner to make such changes as will abate or lessen the smoke, he does so; if not, he refers to some well-known engineer, who can make a more detailed examination. The information which the inspector acquires covers the following ground: Approximate size of the building served by the boilers; number of steam elevators, with size, bore and stroke of cylinders; number of steam pumps, with size, bore and stroke of cylinders; number, kind and size of boilers, with rated horse power, if water tube boilers; square feet of grate surface per boiler; height of the furnace from grates to boiler shell; depth of ash-pit; inside capacity of chimneys; height of chimney from grates; special furnace or burner used; kind of coal and how much to do the heaviest work required.

The inspector returns to the office and, after full consultation with the consulting engineer, draws his report, which is immediately forwarded to the offender. The society is now sending out reports at the rate of about 30 a week. To offenders who have not sought the assistance of the society, notifications have been sent. These have been in keeping with the expressed wish of the directors of the society, and have been sent, first, to the main streets, and then to the worst offenders in the business district of Chicago.

Offenders Asked to Stop Smoking. Eighty of these notifications have been sent out. When the offender has not answered this communication within seven days a second notification is sent, in the nature of a personal letter from the society through the secretary. It was drawn in courteous, but fairly pointed language, and in it the offender is asked whether the society shall interpose its aid. If he does not wish its assistance, it is intimated to him that, if he is unwilling to accept assistance, methods will be used which will be equally unpleasant to him and the society, which the society would be loath to adopt. Eighteen of these second notifications have been sent out, and replies have been received from all but one. Four third notifications have been sent out. These are in the form of a plain statement that, unless the communication be answered, the offender will be prosecuted.

Tests of five devices used on railroads have been made. In the five practical cases all abated the smoke when in use. With one exception they make so much noise that engineers do not like to keep them in operation. The single exception was that one which is an appliance on the Wash road. It was devised by the superintendent of motive power of the road and was as successful as could be expected of any device. The only opposition, practically, which the society has encountered has come from the owners of turbotests, the worst offenders in the city. The society has undertaken to show them that the nuisance can be abated on their boats and is now engaged in attaching a device to a tugboat, which will be tested in a few days.

The Nuisance Can Be Abated. Secretary Phelps says that about three out of every five offenders require actual evidence that their chimneys are smoking before they will pay attention to the society's premises. It has an examination of four men to watch the stacks of offenders at different times during the day to convince the owners that smoke was issuing from their stacks. In the majority of cases the society has met with hearty co-operation. Mr. Phelps concludes with the indorsement of the directors of the society that the smoke nuisance in Chicago can be abolished. As a rule the causes of smoke are such as can be easily and inexpensively removed by some simple action. Frequently it will require the expenditure of money, as some plants will need to be partially or wholly reconstructed.

The effect of the crusade which the Society for the Prevention of Smoke has inaugurated is already noticeable. There is certainly less smoke than there was two months ago. But there has not been a single prosecution yet by the society. The restraint thus far has been wholly a moral one. The reduction of smoke has been brought about in various ways, and often nothing more has been done than to use greater care in firing boilers. Prosecutions are pretty sure to come later; when they do the law will be enforced to the letter, as the society is prepared to show, as the city could not, how the nuisance can be prevented.

JOHN B. GOUGH'S LIBRARY SOLD

High Prices Realized for the Rare Works of an Artist. BOSTON, March 23.—[Special.]—The private library of the late John B. Gough, of Worcester, was offered for sale at public auction yesterday by C. F. Libbie & Co. The bidding was lively and the prices realized were fair. The best prices were called out by the "Cruikshanksiana," of which a number of stitched pamphlets and handsomely bound volumes were offered. The prices on this artist's works ranged from \$7 to \$300. A beautiful first proof steel plate engraving of the "Worship of Bacchus," on India paper, by George Cruikshank, brought \$50 only, while four original water colors signed by him were purchased by Walter Aldrich, of Providence, R. I., for \$231. An original oil painting by the same artist, entitled "Grimaldi in the Barber's Shop," was also bought by Mr. Aldrich for \$300. An original sketch for the comic almanac for 1853 sold for \$40.

There were about 4,000 volumes in the collection. The trade was well represented, and it is understood that Estes & Lauriat, of this city, and Brentano, of New York, as well as Mr. Aldrich, of Providence, were heavy purchasers.

MILLIONS IN A HOLE.

A Vein of Gold Ore, Averaging \$15,178 88 a Ton, Discovered in Colorado. BOULDER, COLO., March 23.—[Special.]—A startling discovery comes from the Old Sunshine, about nine miles northeast of Copper Rock. About nine years ago a pocket was struck in the Pleasant View mine, east of the camp, and some wonderfully rich ore was taken out, but the workmen went through the pocket in sinking and lost it. Since that time they have been searching for a pocket for the rich ore, and a few days ago the tunnel drifted into it and exposed an ore body fully three feet wide and which for richness has never been equaled in this country. It is a telluride of iron, carrying wire gold, silver, claverite, sylvanite and petseite. An assay made of an average sample yielded \$15,178 88 to the ton. The company has already about 30 tons on the dump and expects to ship a quantity to-day.

CURTIS TIRED OF JAIL.

The Actor Asks That He Be Released on Bail Pending Another Trial. SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—[Special.]—The case of Actor M. B. Curtis came up yesterday on a motion that Sam'l of Posen, be admitted to bail pending his second trial for the murder of Policeman Grant. Curtis looked cheerful, but jail life evidently does not agree with him. He chafes at the confinement of prison and also at his failure to personally attend to his property interests at the bay, which are large. His counsel, Foote, argued that, as not one of the jury had voted to hang Curtis, therefore he could not be regarded as having committed a capital offense, and was entitled to bail. Curtis' ownership of real estate here, where he had invested all his savings, precluded any idea that he would forfeit his bail.

FARMER NOT A LUNATIC.

The Georgian Who Had Himself Arrested Is Found to Be Sane. NEW YORK, March 21.—[Special.]—James Alexander Farmer, the Georgian who says that, although innocent, he is wanted for murder by the sheriff of Jackson county, Ga., was adjudged sane yesterday, by Dr. Douglas, at Bellevue Hospital, to which he had been committed by Justice Duffy for examination. Dr. Douglas' opinion was possibly influenced by a telegram to the New York police from Sheriff Collyer, of Jackson county, asking that Farmer be held, and announcing that he had set out for this city to take Farmer back to Georgia. On the strength of this dispatch Farmer was transferred from the insane pavilion to the prison ward of the hospital. He will be taken to the Tombs Court to-morrow.

A PRINCE WEARS THE GREEN.

Yet Privates of the British Army Are Fanned for Sporting Shamrocks. LONDON, March 23.—In the House of Commons to-day, in reply to a question put to the Government, Edward Stanhope, Secretary of State for War, stated that he had telegraphed for information regarding the punishment of soldiers at Aldershot for wearing the shamrock on St. Patrick's Day when they were in their uniforms. John MacNeill (McCarthy) remarked that the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who was a Major in the Tenth Hussars, had worn the shamrock when he was in full dress uniform.

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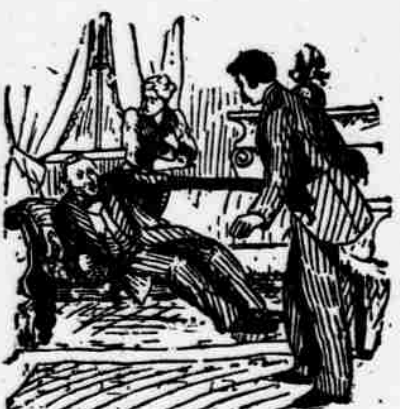
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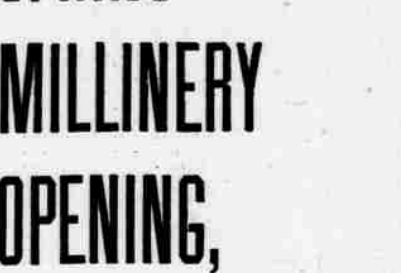
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