

ROMANCE OR REALITY

Of the Miner Law to Be Argued in the Michigan Court To-Day.

A SQUAW AND A POLICE JUSTICE

Raise a Big Fuss and Suddenly Become of National Importance.

DRAMATIC INCIDENTS OF CAPRICE

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

LANSING, MICH., May 11.—A squaw and a police justice have raised a big fuss in Michigan, the effects of which may reach the whole country and change the methods by which Presidents are chosen.

The joint bluff of the Indian woman and the white man in this case stand out as a prime example of what even ordinary people with nerve may do in important matters, without knowing the meaning of their acts.

Political quarrels between the two leading parties are so common in the different States that they arrest very little attention. But into the one now on are woven so many romantic and dramatic incidents of caprice and endeavor among the people in this primitive land kissed by the wind and washed by the waves of four wonderful lakes, that if there were nothing else in the controversy it would make an absorbing story.

Merely the Beginning of the End.

There is a touch of reminiscence in it all, recalling old-time scenes in Washington during reconstruction days, when women were called in to play the pathetic dode in politics.

Truly, "great events may turn upon slender hinges." The truth of this saying is to-day before the topmost court of this State, and upon its decision waits matters of great import to the whole country.

Were it not for the grave questions which are up for decision this legal contest over what is simply known as the Miner law, and the incidents crowded about its enactment, would it be worth the thought and the comedy without a single dull line.

The incidents which bring about this very singular state of affairs are very curiously woven together by the pale face and the Indian woman. The first act began long ago, in the northern part of the State, when a dusky maiden of the trail was taken for wife by a man named Friedlander, whose career and habits at that moment ran quietly along with the wild elements of that part of the State.

It is a long while since Kate Claxton and her "Two Orphans" were seen in this city, and no doubt a warm welcome is ready for her and them when they shall appear at the Alvin Theater next Monday.

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Friedlander now became the star actor. His position in the new community where he anchored after leaving his Indian home had reached the dignity of Senatorial aspirations.

One day the Democrats caught the Republicans napping, and, while one of their men was absent, the case was called up. The Senate was now a tie. The Democratic Lieutenant Governor, by the deciding vote. Of course, the Republican was ousted and Friedlander anchored in the seat he claims to have been cheated out of by the Republican Returning Board.

The squaw and the half-breed children were now valuable, if not necessary to the Republican end of the play. She was found in her faraway home, brought to this city, and took the stage as an injured wife, much as Eliza Pinkerton, with her gaping wounds was lugged before the investigating committee at New Orleans to illustrate the credulity of the Ku-Klux.

The new part was a revelation to the women of the reservation. She fared well at the hotel, had a carriage at her disposal, and for a time enjoyed the ways of civilization that had ever been a stranger to her. The attentions of those she met to serve were very funny; but she took them all without a wince, and played her part well.

She was not brought to Lansing for pleasure, however, and after certain formalities of necessary hospitality were over she was called upon to act a role in a game which has now reached the limits of the nation in its importance. The fun is now over, and the grave end of a queer by-play in politics is shown in a scheme to get rid of Friedlander. The Indian wife had a warrant issued for his arrest for bigamy by way of a

MENDING LAME LAWS.

The Constitution Committee of the M. E. Conference Disagree.

A MAJORITY REPORT SUBMITTED.

Illegality of the Acts Passed in 1872 Causes All the Trouble.

FOUR NEW BISHOPS ASKED FOR

OMAHA, NEB., May 11.—Bishop Joyce occupied the chair in the Methodist Episcopal General Conference to-day, Dr. E. J. Gray, of Pennsylvania, introduced a resolution to change the rules so as to give different boards authority to elect the official editors, superintendents of the Book Concern and other offices usually elected by the General Conference.

At the juncture Bishop Joyce introduced Rev. Dr. Teggett, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Church South. A ringing resolution was offered, calling for an earnest effort to unite the two branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. It was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church amid applause.

The Constitution Committee divided. The Conference now took up the consideration of the report of the Constitution Committee. Bishop Merrill said he would be glad if he could represent the committee as a unit, but it had not been. The report was the opinion and conclusion of the majority.

"I shall not argue before you as to whether our constitution is in fact, as it was said by Bishop Merrill, 'I simply explain our conclusions and leave you to decide.'"

An Important Amendment Offered. Dr. Hammond then offered an amendment to the report to make all those acts constitutional which had been supported by a two-thirds vote of the church in accordance with the restrictive rules, but all other parts were not to be considered a part of the constitution.

Dr. J. M. Hamilton said this was a look backward. There was no use to find fault with anybody. The Conference should look at the whole situation with a candid eye of the present day.

The Committee on Episcopacy has decided to recommend that four new bishops be created in defiance of the official action of the Episcopal Board, which was against increasing its numbers.

The Redding and Waverly stage was robbed last evening by three masked men near Redding. The robbers got away with the express box but it contained no treasure.

The jury in the case of Marie Andrea, charged by Rev. Dr. Parkhurst with keeping a disorderly house in New York, rendered a verdict of guilty.

The Mexican Government has taken severe measures against the village of Comanche, in southwest Chihuahua. The cause of the trouble was the appearance in the village about a year ago of an old man with long white hair and beard.

The circus and spectacle will both take place in Exposition Park in Allegheny. The route of the circus parade is as follows: starting promptly on next Monday morning at 9 o'clock, Exposition grounds, South avenue, to Allegheny avenue, to Western street, to Federal street, to Third street, to Isabella street, to Seventh street, to Liberty street, to Smithfield street, to Water street, to Federal street, to Laocock street, to Exposition grounds.

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