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 details are being told by eminent attorneys in the Supreme Court here, and no one can guess the result. 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. The queer play which demonstrates this fact has lasted for more than a year here, and after many shifts the combination has finally reached the highest tribunal in the State, and anchored itself there. Now that the lawyers are playing their part, the people who have regarded this by-play of politics as funny only, are beginning to see how rapidly apparently harmless words can grow into dangerous

Political quarrels between the two leading parties are so common in the different States that they arrest very little atten-tion. 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

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 dodge in politics. At first this case appeared like a joke, and these breezy people went on hunting for money until knocked down by a bald emergency. Then there was music, money and effort without stint, and the end

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. This territory inhabited by wolverines is by no means alone juterested. The scenes which hereal like a farce score changed to make began like a farce, soon changed to melo-drama, and the last act, now being written, is almost certain to finish with even more

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 be humorous enough for a comedy without a single dull line. But the problem the squaw and police justice created is of such moment that every State in the Union is deeply interested in the scene now set in the court room of the State Capitel. Dry constitutional propositions are in this instance relieved by a most remarkable chain of circumstances which the country at large does not seem to know

Importance of the Miner Law.

Again, no one seems to have paid very much attention to the "Miner law," which they created. Should it stand the test of the courts, it will destroy the precedents that have been accepted as law by all the States for more than 32 years, and by most of them for twice that length of time. The incidents which bring about this

very singular state of affairs are very our-iously 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 with her a man paper with the for wite by a man named Friedlander 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. He, as the story goes, made his living by association with the Indians and in following their ways. Many stronger men than himself had "jined drives" with an Indian maiden, and did not object to the association. As a rule they fired well by the partnership. The they fared well by the partnership. The dusky spouse always did her full share of the work, as well as holding her end up in the game of providing. Then, she was not expensive. A blanket, some gaudy calico now and then, and a few beads, touched the limit of her wants, and things moved along swimmingly in that nomadic life.

Civilization is sure to mar such a com-munion. As settlements became numerous its light dawned upon Mr. Friedlander, and he dritted away from his red friends into a lower county. In due course of time he wedded a lady of his own color and joined hands with the civilization about him, leav-ing the Indian wife and the fruits of their union on the old hunting grounds, where they had been happy together. She did not murmur, and probably never would have done so, had not the demon of politics made it desirable that she should speak and act a new part.

Democratic Ascendency in the State,

Michigan two years ago went Democratic for the first time in many, many years. The Governor, all the State officers, the Supreme Court, and the lower House of the Legislature hung at the Democratic belt as trophies gathered on the political war path. But the Senate was one Republican, and here was a bar to all legislation calculated to change the Republican methods of so many years' standing. It was necessary to have one seat to make Democracy supreme. As long as its opponents could keep their men all in hand, it could not be reached. There were many funny scenes surrounding the by-play which kept both sides watchful and the Democrats hunting for a flaw in the Republican hedge.
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. The fight between him and his Republican opponent was so close that Fried-lander contested the seat when his rival was declared elected, but the contest could not be heard as long as the Republican ghost of

one vote stood in the way.

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 had 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 Repub-lican Returning Board. Talk about a scene, the Republican camp was full of them, and red fire was turned on them all.

The Squaw a Valuable Acquisition.

The squaw and the half-breed children were now valuable, it not necessary to the Republican end of the play. She was found in her far-away 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 cruelties 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 civiliza-tion that had ever been a stranger to her. The attentions of those she was to serve were very funny; but she took them all without a word, and played her part well. She was not brought to Lansing for pleas-

ure, 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 Fried-lander. The Indian wife had a warrant

starter. The Democrats were too watchful, and it could not be served. It did not take the Senator long to recall his former life among the savages, and he quietly went into camp inside the State House. As long as he kept within its sacred walls he could not be arrested, and a faithful Sergeant at Arms was kept on guard to see that he was not kidnaped. Every day Friedlander was in his seat and voted, but never left the building, about which the Republicans kept a guard.

a guard.

While this siege was kept up the State was redistricted and other important legislation was enacted, which the courts are now asked to destroy. After a time the squaw wife pined for her rude home at the North and went home, leaving the law to take its own course. She had seen enough of civilization.

of civilization. The Author of the Innovation.

Mr. Miner came to Detroit as a young awyer, and, entering politics, was made a police justice. The year when this play of politics was on at the State Capitol he turned up as a member of the State Capitol neturned up as a member of the State Legislature. Whether by himself or by the advice of stronger minds, he presented a bill to the Legislature, which became a law, giving each Congressional district the power to, as a district, elect its Presidental selectors. If this law he good it makes electors. If this law be good, it makes the Democrats certain of six Presidental electors, with more hatching, even if the State goes Republican by many thousand majority. Hence, the combat is to set this law aside.

The Supreme Court is no longer Demo-The Supreme Court is no longer Demo-cratle. The Republicans elected a new man this year, and as all such political questions are universally decided by partisan bias, the Republicans hope to get rid of Miner, Friedlander and his squaw wife, all at the same time. The national character, hovever, of the contest, is what gives it its interest to outsiders. The Republicans are exceedingy anxious to maintain the old doctrine of State rights in this case, and insist that all the people of a State must vote for all the electors. Their point is that precedent in this matter becomes a law, when long acquiesced in. Another, and what appears to be the strongest one, is that the Four-teenth Amendment to the Constitution makes the precedent so long in force the law of the land. F. A. BURR.

TO DISPLAY AT THE FAIR.

List of the Nations and Colonies Which

Have Decided to Exhibit. The following table shows the foreign nations and colonies which thus far have determined to participate in the Exposition, and the amounts of their appropriations, made or officially proposed, so far as

Argentine Re-	Guatemala	\$120,00
public	\$100,000 Halti	23,00
Austria	149, 100 Honduras	20,00
Belgium	57.900 Jamaica	25.00
Bermuda	5,000 Japan	630, 76
Bolivia	30,700 Mexico	50,00
Brazit	600,000 New S'th Wales	150,00
Bulgaria	60,000 New Zealand	25, 50
Barbadoes	6,000 Netherlands	15, 00
British Guluna.	25,000 Nicaragua	30,00
Brit, Honduras.	7,500 Norway	56, 28
Canada	150,000 Orange Free	90, 20
Cape Colony	50,000 State	7,50
Ceylon	65,500 Paraguay	
Culte	too ood Thomas	100,00
Chile	100,000 Peru	140,000
Cotombia	100,000 Salvador	12,00
Costa Rica	15), 000 Sweden	53,600
Cuba	25,000 Tasmanta	10,000
Denmark	67,000 Trinidad	15,000
Ecuador	125,000 Uruguay	24,000
France	675, 500 Victoria	100,000
Germany	610, 200	areas municipal
Great Britain	300,000 Total	5, 249, 041
Greece.	100,000	

Thirty States and two Territories have made appropriations for their representation at the Exposition, as follows:

9 30,000 New Humpshire. 25,00 300,000 New Hersey. 70,00 100,000 New Mexico. 25,00 10,000 New York. 200,00 20,000 North Carolina. 25,00 800,500 North Dakota. 25,00 40,000 Vermont 60,000 Virginia 150,000 Washington 100,000 West Virginia 50,000 Wisconsin faryland.

50,000 Total..... \$2, 410, 000 Nine States which, owing to constitu-tional restriction or other prohibitive rea-son, made no World's Fair appropriation, have held State conventions and formed or ganizations of the stock subscription sort for raising the amounts deemed necessary for creditable representation.

COMING AMUSEMENTS.

KATE CASTLETON and "The Dazzler" will pay Pittsburg their second visit this season at the Bijou Theater next Monday. "The Dazzler" is a farce comedy of the familiar and popular type, and Miss Castleton will be remembered as its chief attraction when last

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 and no doubt a warm welcome is ready for her and them when they shall appear at the Alvin Theater next Monday. Miss Claxton will, of course, assume her old character of the blind girl in "The Two Orphans," and she will be supported by a strong company headed by Charles A. Stevenson.

"THE COUNTY FAIR" will be at the Grand Opera House next week. This popular play has been seen here twice, and theater-goers has been seen here twice, and theater-goers are familiar with its story and incidents. Suffice it to say, however, that "The County Fair" is a comedy of New England manners, and is redolent with the odor of clover blossoms. The great racing seens will be given this engagement as completely as before, and the cast is the original one, including Marie Bates and all of C. B. Jefferson's selected company.

It is hard in these days to find a really present the cast with the cast of the

new and striking title for a play, but Gler McDonough seems to have succeeded in finding a decidedly taking name for his new play, which he calls "The Prodigal Father."
Lest some people should imagine that this
play is of a religious character, it should be
explained that it is a farcical comedy, brimful of laughter from beginning to end.
Messrs. C. H. Jefferson, Klaw and Erlanger,
who are managing the production, have engaged a number of good actors, among others
W. H. Thompson, who only a few weeks ago
made quite a sensation in this city by his
natural and humorous embodiment of the
old Californian railroad millionaire in "Geoffrey Middleton." This play is to have its
first production in this country at the Alvin
Theater on May 23.

The Barnum & Balley Circus, which will play, which he calls "The Prodigal Father."

THE Barnum & Bailey Circus, which will appear here on Monday and Tuesday of next week, is said to be grander than ever, and the new spectacle of Columbus' Discovery of America has been described by Eastern papers as the finest thing of the sort yet seen. The circus and spectacle will both take place in Exposition Park in Alletake 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 avenue, to Onio street, to Federal street, to Isabella street, to Saventh street, to Liberty street, to Smithfield street, to Water street, to Wood street, to Third avenue, to Market street, to Sixth street, to Robinson street, to Church avenue, to Union avenue, to Ohio street, to Federal street, to Lacock street, to Exposition grounds.

MENDING LAME LAWS.

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

FOUR NEW BISHOPRICS ASKED FOR

OMAHA, NEB., May 11.—Bishop Joyce ecupied 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. Dr. Gray also introduced a resolution calling upon the Committee on Episcopacy to consider the advisability of districting the whole territory of the Church into as many districts as there are effective bishops, and to assign to each bishop, except the senior bishop, a prescribed district for the term of four years, instead of leaving the bishops to divide the work as they do at present. Both

resolutions were referred. At the juncture Bishop Joyce introduced

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 commit-tee as a unit, but it had not been. The re-port was the opinion and conclusion of the

our conclusions were right or wrong," said Bishop Merrill. "I simply ex-plain our conclusions and leave you to de-cide." Bishop Merrill continued:

out, and those parts are not out at all, even though they may seem to be.

Bishop Merrill said he would like to vindicate the action of the Conference of 1872, but the trouble lay in the fact that the Conference of 1888 failed to confer the power upon the Conference assumed. The Conference of 1868 provided for the clothing of the Conference of 1872 with power to change the restrictions then in existence; but the Conference of 1872 went further and made additions to the restrictive rules. There was the milk in the coccanut. This assumed authority ought to have been corrected long ago, but never had been.

The Bishop said there are Methodists still living who imagine the six restrictive rules form the whole of the constitution of the General Conference. The committee held that all the fundamental rules that govern the General Conference were a part of the

the General Conference were a part of the An Important Amendment Offered. Dr. Hammond then offered an amendmen to the report to make all those acts constitu tional which had been supported by a two-

constitution.

Dr. J. M. Hamilton said this was a look Dr. J. M. Hamilton said this was a look backward. There was no use to find great fault with anybody. The Conference should look at the whole situation under the light of the present day. He objected to the long preamble that the committee had presented. The Conference, he thought, should also decide what was meant by laynen. Did it mean only men, as Dr. Buckley held, or did the word laymen mean both men and women? This should be made definite by this Conference, if possible, before the women Conference, if possible, before the women themselves got into the Conference to debate

themselves got into the Conference to debate the question. [Applause.]
The Committee on Episcopacy has decided to recommend that four new bishops be created, in deflance of the offichi action of the Episcopal Board, which was against increasing its members. This, it is said, was brought about by the candidates themselves. The most prominent candidates for Bishop are Dr. Peck, Cincinnati; Hamilton, Boston: McCabe, New York; Leonard, Ohlo; Whitefield, Iowa: Payne, New York; Bristol, Chicago: Neely, Philadelphia, Swindell, Philadelphia; King, New York; Partzell, New Orleans.

The Committee on Episcopacy had a red-hot meeting this afternoon on the question of changing the episcopai residences now located at Buffalo, Toneka, Fort Worth and Checinnati, and giving a Bishop each to Detroit, Seattle, Europe and Japan. No con-clusion was reached, and the committee ad-journed till Friday.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The World's Fair Commissioners for Marviand have authorized the erection of a \$20,000 building on the World's Fair grounds, Chicago.

-Police Captain Joseph A. Schooley, of Philadelphia, committed suicide yesterday morning, in the City Hall, by shooting him-self in the head.

—The ministerial conference of the Church of the New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian) be-gan at Cincinnati. It will continue till Sat-urday, when the National Conference of the Swedenborgian Church will meet.

—W. J. Cowart, the defaulting ex-Sheriff at Purvis, Miss., who disappaered last fall, carrying with him several thousand dollars county funds, returned Tuesday evening. The desire to see his family compelled him to come back.

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 after 15 minutes' deliberation. This is the second case in which a verdict has been rendered against the keeper of a disorderly house, the principal testimony in each instance being that of the reverend gentlemen himself.

of the reverend gentlemen himself.

—The Mexican Government has taken severe measures azainst the village of Tomachic, 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 whom the priest of the village proclaimed was the true Christ who had come to save them. The people quit their fields and flocked to the supposed Christ and carried on solemn ceremonies day and night. The Government sent troops to the piace to disperse the crowds and arrest the supposed Christ, but the priest exhorted the people to kill the soldiers and drive them away, which they did, killing a large number and driving the rest back through the mountains.

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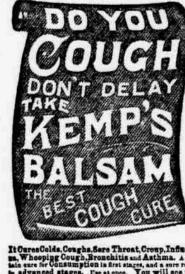


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Rev. Dr. Teggert, fraternal delegate from the Methodist Church South. A ringing resolution was offered, calling for an earnest effort to unite the two branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. It was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church amid applause. The Constitution Committee Divided.

majority.
"I shall not argue before you as to whether

That portion of the constitution put in unlawfully was not put in at all, in reality. The constitution reality should remain as it was in 1885, with the exception of those changes which were lawfully made. That which went in unlawfully took the place of parts that were unlawfully put out, and those parts are not out at all, even though they may seem to be.

with the restrictive rules, but all other parts should not be considered a part of the

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