

AN INGENIOUS ADVENTURER

The Very Unique Career of Dr. Richard C. Flower, of Boston.

DOCTOR, LAWYER, INDIAN CHIEF

Spook Medium, Orthodox Minister, Faith Healer, Agnostic, Promoter of Mining Speculations, Reformer and General Freak—Interesting Biography.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch.

Alliance, O. Dec. 7.—The arrest of Richard C. Flower of the forefront of this week, charged with "doing" some western people in a silver mining speculation, is the sensation of the hour in all Eastern Ohio. As a druggist, Disciple Minister, infidel lecturer, spiritualistic medium, bonanza king in the mines, owner of ranches and plantations, numerous to mention, and doctor, lawyer and Indian chief, all rolled into one, he forms one of the most conspicuous and interesting characters of the nineteenth century. Every page of his eventful life contains a sensation, and the whole forms a far-comedy with a rich transformation scene at the end of each act.

Nearly twenty years ago he landed here, with long hair and an antiquated cape over his shoulders and glasses on his nose. He was the talk of the town and he has been ever since. He came here in response to a call from the Disciple church, at that time probably the strongest denomination in the city. The pulpit, which had been filled in former years by Rev. A. B. Way, convicted of forgery, and other unfortunate selections, was vacant. Flower was the son and brother of Disciple ministers, though previous to his advent here he was clerking in a drug store at Bowling Green, Ky. He came here on trial and was accepted.

Provided a Sensational Preacher.

For a time he preached the sermon pure orthodoxy, but was nothing at all times if not sensational. Gradually he commenced diverging from the traditional teachings of the church, and as gradually a storm commenced brewing. The congregation was about evenly divided between his followers and the old line followers of Alexander Campbell. Finally he threw off his disguise and cast daggers to the winds. A furious protest went up, and in the midst of his sermons he was continually interrupted by gray-haired believers in the true faith. The church split and in the war that followed the adherents of the old original faith captured the property.

Flower then organized "The Independent Christian Church." By degrees Flower became more liberal in his views, until he led his flock through agnosticism and spiritualism, into the broad arena of free thought. The organization became known as the "Broad Gauge Church," and it soon drifted into a sort of go-as-you-please debating society.

After having exhausted all other phases of human existence Flower took up spiritualism. He became a medium, and his followers became firm believers. Seances were held nearly every night, and the world performers of his trained ghosts put to shame the table entertainments of all former hobgoblins. He taught that departed spirits could be made to materialize in the flesh, and under conditions that completely prevented investigation he made his ghosts dance. It would require a very large book to record the interesting things this aggregation of prevaricating ghosts sprung upon the public.

An Indian Ghost Dancer.

Finally Flower sprang a new wrinkle, which was the foundation of his fortune—if he has one. He claimed to be especially possessed of the spirit of an old Indian doctor, who had been dead many centuries. When the spirit would take hold of him, he would utter whoops and the dance. His own spirit would to sleep, or off on a vacation, he said, while his brains and body were possessed of the spirits. Patients came to him from far and near and his medical practice assumed such proportions that he was compelled to open a spook hospital and sanitarium. He pretended that he could actually see through his patients, and if he failed to follow that he had swallowed an alligator. When he would take an alligator from him and prove it. But Flower, whatever else he may have been, was not a fool, and thousands of men became infatuated with his absurd doings plausibly explained.

Flower had plenty of rich backers and before the spook regime they established for him a paper known as the Independent Age. For a time it was run on a high pressure basis, and money came at a rapid rate. The late A. W. Corbett, of horseback fame, put a little fortune into the paper and it is there yet.

Flower married, during his reign as the prince of adventurers, the daughter of Chris. Manfull, a well known business character of this city, and the friends of the bride, who was an exceptionally beautiful and accomplished girl, almost went into mourning. When Flower left here he went to Philadelphia and then to New York, making his appearance in the east as a physician. He advertised extensively and succeeded in humbugging enough people to live like a prince. He was arrested for practicing medicine without a diploma and fined. He then purchased a patent diploma and opened a shop in Boston, where he won national fame and fortune. He always played for big stakes, and among his patients were many millionaires and people of fame. Even Joe Jefferson was, it is said, induced to go to him for treatment.

A Layer on of Hands.

He claimed to possess the power of curing by the laying on of hands, as well as the power to visibly inspect the interior of every part of the human body. His practice grew to fabulous proportions, and he bought page after page of the greatest newspapers in the country for a single advertisement. He finally built a great private hospital in Boston, and rich patients came to it from all over the world. Once or twice a year he would take a trip over the country, having a private train all to himself. He would stop in all the principal cities for a day or two, where he found hundreds of patients waiting to be treated.

He and Manfull commenced operating mines in Colorado, near Silver Cliff, and the victims of their altering stocks are found everywhere. Their mining schemes were extended and land transactions that would stagger an ordinary millionaire were tackled by them in half a dozen locations. They were interested in Florida orange groves and swamps, in land on the barren plains, and mountain peaks. R. C. Flower, or "Dick," as he is familiarly known here, has no doubt accumulated a million or more since leaving Alliance, and in Boston he lives at a millionaire's gate.

Dr. Gibbons.

of New York City, will be in his Scranton office, 41 Wyoming avenue, every Monday from 8 in the morning until 9 in the evening.

TELEPHONE IN HIS HAT.

Novel Means of Convicting a Bold Black-mauler.

By the United Press. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—By fitting up a small telephone in his silk hat, to which was attached a slender gold wire connecting with a telephone held by a detective outside, Dr. Peter Jauss has secured the evidence necessary to convict Lawyer Charles Loas of blackmail. The doctor had been paying the lawyer sums of money for suppressing some disagreeable private history, but when his wife received a letter threatening her he rebelled, and with the novel telephone attachment in his hat, went to the office of Loas, and got him to admit that he had written the letter. The detective outside at the other end of the telephone heard the confession, and the lawyer was arrested after listening in astonishment to the clever manner by which he was caught.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Difficult to Detect Any Change in the Current Business—Prospects for Better Times After Jan. 1 Are Hopeful.

New York, Dec. 7.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: It is difficult to detect any change in current business. Prospects for business after Jan. 1 are quite generally considered more hopeful; in some branches there are larger orders, and the west bound shipments of merchandise are a little larger. But the work naturally diminishes near the end of the year and the holiday traffic brings just now a temporary activity which is not of much general significance. The meeting of congress, and the announcement of the new currency plan and of various bills proposed, have not affected the situation perceptibly. On the whole agricultural products are scarcely stronger, and wages of labor do not advance, but there is reason to expect the employment of a somewhat larger working force after the holidays.

Stocks have been a shade stronger, railroads 27 c. per share and trusts \$1.08.

Railroad earnings continue stronger than a year ago, and for November thus far show a decrease of 2.1 per cent. against 4.4 per cent. in October. Comparing with 1892, the decrease is 7.7 per cent. against \$9 in October.

The iron industry seems to have distinctly brighter prospects at Chicago, where pig iron is firmer and bar in larger demand because of orders for freight cars.

The money market has not improved and the drift of idle money hitherward is as large as at any time this year.

The failures this week have been 385 in the United States against 385 last year, and 49 in Canada against 42 last year.

INDUSTRIAL TOPICS.

No. 2 furnace of the Reading Iron works went into blast Thursday for the first time in nearly three years.

John Fowler, of this city, has received the contract for sinking a shaft at the Moran colliery. He is just about finishing a successful contract at the Chamberlain colliery, and will commence work at Moran today.

The Eberly washery was compelled to suspend operations Wednesday morning on account of no water. Pipes will be laid today from the breaker to a number of nearby ponds. It will be several days before operations will resume. The plant employs 120 men.

It was due to a change at the head of the New York, Lake Erie and Western company's management that George Van Kouren, formerly superintendent of the Jefferson division, was elevated to the high position which he now holds as superintendent of transportation.

The directors of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company have called a meeting to be held on Monday next. The purpose of the meeting at this time is to select a man to fill the vacancy caused by the death of President E. B. Leisenring. Elmer H. Laval, of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company, it is believed, will be the choice. It is understood that the Leisenring people are very earnest in their desire to have Mr. Laval fill the vacant chair, and the only opposition, if such exists, may come from George D. McCrea, of Philadelphia, who is also a large stockholder.

The statement of shipments of anthracite coal for the week ended Dec. 1, has no bearing upon the present condition of trade or as it has been since the first of the month. It shows shipments for the week of 1,041,122, a larger amount than had been expected, and wells the total for the month to above 4,000,000. How much of this coal was sold and how much went into stock, cannot now be gauged, but it is believed that the increase of stocks on hand has been large for the month—larger, in fact, than carried for a long time. Shipments for the week, compared with the same week last year, show an increase of 145,525 tons, with 78,242 tons came from the Schuylkill region, 36,735 tons from the Wyoming, and 30,577 tons from the Lehigh region.

The Eldkin-Widener-Newbold syndicate is about to begin the construction of what they claim will be the finest electric trolley road in the world. It is to be the Washington and Baltimore boulevard line, 32 miles long, contracts for 17 miles of which will be let in a few days. The first section, between Washington and Laurel, is expected to be in operation by April 1, 1895. The Manufacturers' Record this week gives a complete description of the road, which it is estimated will cost \$1,000,000. The road will be double-tracked, and laid with 80-pound steel rails. The trains will have a guaranteed speed of thirty miles per hour, the fastest schedule time for any electric or steam railway. The block signal system will be used for the prevention of accidents. It is proposed to have the entire line in operation by midsummer.

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more active than of late. The stock price at \$72 1/8, rose to 9 3/4, and closed at 9 5/8. Some of the buying was traced to inside sources. Net changes for the day in the market show gains of 3/4 to 5/8 per cent. Sugar leading. The sales were heavy, amounting to 3,027 shares.

The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by G. du B. Dimmock, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

Am. Cot. Oil.....	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Am. Sugar Ref'g Co. Sts.	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
A. M. T.....	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2
Am. T. & C.....	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2
Can. South.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Cheer. & Ohio.....	18	18	18
Chicago Gas.....	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Chic. & N. W.....	77 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Chic. B. & Q.....	8 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
C. C. C. & St. L.....	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Chic. M. & St. P.....	57 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
Chic. R. I. & C.....	61 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Delaware & Hud.....	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
D. L. & W.....	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Dist. & C. P.....	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Electric.....	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Lake Shore.....	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Lonis. & Nash.....	52 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Manhattan Ele.....	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Mech. Central.....	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Mo. Pac.....	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Nat. Cordage.....	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Nat. Lead.....	39 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
N. J. Central.....	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
N. Y. & N. E.....	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
N. Y. & W.....	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
N. Y. S. & W.....	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Nor. Pac.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Om. & West.....	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Phil. & Read.....	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Texas Pacific.....	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Wabash.....	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
West. & Mont.....	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Wichita.....	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Winnipeg.....	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES.

WHEAT.			
May.....	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
December.....	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
OATS.			
May.....	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
December.....	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
CORN.			
May.....	50	50 1/2	50 1/2
December.....	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
LARD.			
January.....	6 5/8	6 5/8	6 5/8
February.....	7 1/8	7 1/8	7 1/8
MAY.			
January.....	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations.

No. Par	Shs. Val.	Bid.	Ask.
10 50 Moose Mountain Coal			
100 Mt. Jessup Coal Co.	500		
100 Traders' Coal	200		
100 Scranton Glass Co.	100		
50 Providence & Abingdon Turnpike	75		
100 Scranton Packing Co.	40		
60 50 Lacka. & Montros. Co.	120		
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New York Produce Market.

By the United Press. New York, Dec. 7.—Flour—Dull, held firmly. Wheat—Fairly active on local account; export trade dull, prices 1/2 c. lower; No. 2 red store and elevator, 90 1/2 c. lower; No. 3, 89 1/2 c.; No. 4, 88 1/2 c.; No. 5, 87 1/2 c.; No. 6, 86 1/2 c.; No. 7, 85 1/2 c.; No. 8, 84 1/2 c.; No. 9, 83 1/2 c.; No. 10, 82 1/2 c.; No. 11, 81 1/2 c.; No. 12, 80 1/2 c.; No. 13, 79 1/2 c.; No. 14, 78 1/2 c.; No. 15, 77 1/2 c.; No. 16, 76 1/2 c.; No. 17, 75 1/2 c.; No. 18, 74 1/2 c.; No. 19, 73 1/2 c.; No. 20, 72 1/2 c.; No. 21, 71 1/2 c.; No. 22, 70 1/2 c.; No. 23, 69 1/2 c.; No. 24, 68 1/2 c.; No. 25, 67 1/2 c.; No. 26, 66 1/2 c.; No. 27, 65 1/2 c.; No. 28, 64 1/2 c.; No. 29, 63 1/2 c.; No. 30, 62 1/2 c.; No. 31, 61 1/2 c.; No. 32, 60 1/2 c.; No. 33, 59 1/2 c.; No. 34, 58 1/2 c.; No. 35, 57 1/2 c.; No. 36, 56 1/2 c.; No. 37, 55 1/2 c.; No. 38, 54 1/2 c.; No. 39, 53 1/2 c.; No. 40, 52 1/2 c.; No. 41, 51 1/2 c.; No. 42, 50 1/2 c.; No. 43, 49 1/2 c.; No. 44, 48 1/2 c.; No. 45, 47 1/2 c.; No. 46, 46 1/2 c.; No. 47, 45 1/2 c.; No. 48, 44 1/2 c.; No. 49, 43 1/2 c.; No. 50, 42 1/2 c.

Buffalo Stock Market.

By the United Press. Buffalo, Dec. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 402 head; on sale, 80 head; market firm; good shipping steers, \$4.00-\$4.50; light to good butchers, \$3.80-\$4.00; Hogs—Receipts, 1,150 head; on sale, 1,200 head; market steady for good hogs; heavy for light; Yorkers, generally, \$4.40; with late sales at \$4.35; good mixed, \$4.00-\$4.25; common and light, \$3.50-\$3.75; heavy, \$4.00-\$4.25; common sheep and lambs; natives unchanged at the close; Canada lambs, \$3.90; sheep and lambs, \$3.50-\$3.75; extra export, \$3.50-\$3.75; extra export, \$3.50-\$3.75.

Chicago Stock Market.

By the United Press. Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 7.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000 head; market firm; common to extra steers, \$24.50; stockers and feeders, \$22.50; cows and calves, \$18.50-\$20.00; calves, \$15.00-\$16.50; Hogs—Receipts, 10,000 head; market firm; heavy, \$4.00-\$4.25; common to choice mixed, \$3.50-\$3.75; pigs, \$2.50-\$2.75; sheep—Receipts, 12,000 head; market weak; inferior to choice, \$1.50-\$1.75; lambs, \$2.25-\$2.50.

Oil Market.

Pittsburg, Dec. 7.—Oil opened 89 1/2 c.; highest, 89 1/2 c.; lowest and closed, 89 1/2 c.

Philadelphia Tallow Market.

By the United Press. Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Tallow is quiet and steady. We quote: City prime in hhd., 45 c.; country, prime in hhd., 45 c.; country, dark, in bbls., 44 1/2 c.; cakes, 50 c.; grease, 40 c.

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