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A Triumph of Song.

The supremacy of Welsh chorus singers over choirs made up of representatives of several nationalities has seldom been more vividly illustrated than in the Concordia estabodod at Wilkes-Barre.

Accustomed as these eminent critics have been to operate part singing, with its stress of emphasis upon individual capacity and peculiarity, the opportunity to hear a choir of 200 voices sing with the accuracy of a single voice a selection so rich in its depth and variety of expression as was this gem by Dr. MacKenzie, and yet in volume and balance of parts equal the effects of the finest orchestra, was new to them, and if admiring comment, made with no thought of its reproduction in print, be any indication, these two gentlemen will not soon recover from their agreeable surprise.

In this connection a word of praise is fairly due to Dr. Mason, not only for the uniform tact, kindness and courtesy which have characterized his portion of the arrangements for the recent festival—these traits were to be expected—but also for his success in procuring Dr. MacKenzie's permission for the use, as one of the test pieces, of the magnificent portion of his yet unproduced new opera. It would be difficult to place an exaggerated estimate upon the pleasure which the rendering of this selection afforded Wednesday's auditors. It was a treat of a lifetime, equally reflecting honor upon composer, choir and director.

Nonsense from Boston.

The mistakes of blundering reformers probably precipitate more grief in the camps of the judicious than do all the machinations of the avowed forces of evil. This reflection is forced upon us by the perusal of a series of absurd resolutions recently adopted, no doubt with the best of intentions, by the Boston Woman's Rescue League, setting forth the immoral tendencies of woman's grooming like for the wheel. The league condemns bicycle riding by young girls and women for these reasons: Thirty per cent. of the "fast girls" that have come to the rescue league for aid were bicycle riders at one time. It is resolved that since the closing of the disreputable houses in Boston the inmates thereof are taking to bicycle riding, because they can better ply their vocations on account of the opportunities given as cyclists.

It will be remembered that when the practice of horseback riding first became popular among the women of this country there was a similar outcry from honest mothers and elderly maidens who, at the time, were sincere in the belief that the young woman who occupied a saddle was preparing for a ride straight to His Sulphur Majesty, the Prince of Evil. Equestrianism flourished notwithstanding this belief, and today many who fell into the foregoing delusion are prone to admit that the kind of morality in vogue which is secure only when

kept under lock and key after all it probably not worth the trouble its costs. May it not be even so with the bicycle? We have the pleasure of an acquaintance with a number of estimable women in this city and elsewhere who can return from a moderate spin on their wheels refreshed both in body and in mind, and in every way better fitted to assume the duties of their positions as the queens of well-ordered homes. It would take a large showing of statistics to convince us that the moral safety of these women would be greater than it is, if they would abjure this pleasurable mode of exercise, in favor of idle dalliance in ill-ventilated parlors or aimless promenade through the stores and on the streets. No doubt had women ridden wheels. They also travel in street and steam cars; but we have not heard these conveyances denounced as aids to immorality.

The Disease of Jealousy.

An ingenious theory is propounded by Dr. Maurice de Fleury, a French physician of some eminence. He boldly asserts that the conjugal falling known as jealousy is nothing more nor less than a physical disease, dependent on physical conditions, and amenable to physical methods of treatment. Dr. de Fleury assures us that the jealous man has always a brain that is insufficiently nourished—he is in the early stages of that common form of insanity in which a man is subject to the hallucination of being followed by enemies; he is morbidly suspicious to the last degree. He may be suffering from incipient brain disease, but very likely his malady is the result of temporary conditions; he is overworked, he has been weakened by a long illness, or he has been on an exhausting spree. The peculiar weakness that the grip leaves behind it is responsible for more jealousy, so says this French authority, than any amount of really justifiable suspicion.

The manner in which our French savant would endeavor to effect a cure of this undesirable hallucination is plausible, to say the least. He would simply feed the victim well. The theory underlying this treatment is simple. Take a man who is unreasonably jealous and irritable early in the morning and give him a good breakfast or a cup of coffee, and ten to one he will sit down and talk the matter over sensibly with you. According to Dr. de Fleury, all jealous persons have sensible intervals, the malady being in some degree a periodic one, just like chills and fever. In short, Dr. de Fleury's treatment includes everything that can be done to give strength and confidence to the jealous wretch, to inspire him with a sense of his own power—to make a man of him. If stimulants and tonics are necessary to this restoration, stimulants and tonics will be given. If the aid of mental suggestion is deemed desirable, expert hypnotizers will be called in. What, in short, will tend to put the poor fellow on the pathway to restored reason will be employed without reference to precedent or tradition.

Of course all this is only a materialistic age's way of adapting old beliefs to new conditions. Instead of love philters brewed in the light of the moon, or charms invested with magic power by the weird incantations of some uncanny Sibyl, we of this more practical age must needs have beef-steak, pills and powders. But the revolution in methods is worthy of notice, especially if it shall succeed in banishing domestic discord and undoing the occupation of the divorce lawyer, the pistol maker and the undertaker.

Relating to Libel.

The International League of press clubs, in session at Philadelphia, unanimously resolved to urge the different state legislative bodies to enact the following law:

That before any suit shall be brought for the publication of a libel in any newspaper in this state the aggrieved party shall at least three days before filing or serving the complaint in such suit serve notice on the publisher or publishers of said newspaper at their principal office of publication, specifying the statements in the said article which he or they allege to be false and defamatory. If it shall appear on the trial of said action that the said article was published in good faith, that the falsity was due to the mistake or misapprehension of the facts and that a full and fair retraction of the same was thereupon alleged to be erroneous was published in the next regular issue of such newspaper, or in case of daily papers, within three days after such mistake or misapprehension was brought to the knowledge of such publisher or publishers, in as conspicuous a place and type in such newspaper as was the article complained of as libellous, then the plaintiff in such case shall recover only actual damages. Provided, however, that the provisions of this article shall not apply to the case of any libel against any candidate for a public office in this state, unless the retraction of the charge is made editorially in a conspicuous manner at least three days before the election, in case such libellous article was published in a daily paper, if published in a weekly paper at least ten days before the election.

This is the law recently proposed for enactment at Harrisburg. We do not know what became of it there. As near as we can ascertain, it went to sleep in committee. But it is a just and an equitable proposition, which the press of the country ought to insist upon being enacted as law in every state.

While it was of course to have been expected, it may be worth while to remark that The Tribune's report of the big estabodod yesterday was much the best one published.

It is announced in a Washington dispatch that a number of college presidents have requested the postoffice department to break up, if possible, the business of certain literary syndicates which contract to supply college graduates with commencement orations at a moderate rate per word. These presidents evidently propose to show no mercy to commencement day audiences.

It may be against the moral law for Americans to extend individual aid to the struggling patriots of Cuba; but Mr. Cleveland will have a mighty hard time of it trying to get his countrymen to think so.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Under the lead of Wharton Barker, Prof. ex-silico, from the Thompsons, the Dobson, Henry Carey Baird and many other prominent residents of Philadelphia, Quaker City opponents of gold monometallism have just organized a Bimetallable association, with the following declaration of principles: (1) The supply of both gold and silver which is available for the world's coinage is not in excess of the world's needs. (2) The relative amount of silver in this supply is greatly inferior to what it was fifty years ago, when the two metals maintained a stable ratio of 15.5 to 1. (3) The change in the comparative value has not been produced by its excess in the supply of silver, but by its articles referred to that we took occasion to send a copy of the issue to our companies, and, presuming you may be interested in the replies made, we enclose same for your perusal. Yours respectfully, Charles Fuller & Co., Scranton, June 12.

According to Walter Wellman, the fight which Senator Brice is making to secure his re-election two years hence is creating considerable amusement in Washington. "Brice early perceived," Mr. Wellman writes to the Chicago Times-Herald, "that the only show there was in the thing for him lay in Republican quarrels and factional bickerings, and he has left no stone unturned that might by any possibility embitter one Ohio Republican against another. Evidence is at hand to prove conclusively that there is much more quarrelling among Ohio Republicans in the newspapers published outside the state than in the state itself. Brice and his coworkers have succeeded in convincing a great many people that McKinley and Foraker are just cutting one another's throat—except that McKinley and Foraker and their Ohio friends and followers. It is known here for a certainty that Brice even went so far as to send his representatives to the recent Republican convention at Zanesville, and these agents were well supplied with money to use in furtherance of the game of cross-purposes. They did not bring anyone, but they bought beer for the boys and wine for the heads of messes and put in their poisoned words at every opportunity. It is sharp politics, and if showing and maintaining will actually stir the Ohio Republicans into factional war and give Brice a show to save himself the country may rest assured that the trick will be turned." But the chances are that the Republicans of the Buckeye state, to use a vulgarism, "are onto" Brice.

Charles Theodore Murray, in a letter to the Washington Post reviewing the progress of the silver fight in Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, reaches the conclusion that the rapid spread of the coinage idea will turn all these states over to the Republican party. Mr. Murray quotes a prominent St. Louis politician in this wise: "Say 300 represents the natural Democratic vote of Missouri; 75 the Republican, and 25 the floaters, or odds and ends. A cast-iron free coinage machine will drive 10 out of the Democratic ranks, and the opposition and 15 will remain at home. The Republicans will catch the floaters, who, for one reason or another, always land on the top side. This would leave the political equation thus: 75 Democrat, 133 Republican. That is not supposed to be the exact proportion, but that is the way it works. This state would naturally go Republican under the new test of Democracy."

The conclusion which the Washington Post draws, in a long review of the silver crusade, with reference to Pennsylvania, is that it is the Republican party which is being re-buffed because of the silver issue. "Senator Cameron, the long Republican, an ardent advocate of free coinage, and an aspirant for the presidency, is moving heaven and earth to bring the great masses of the Republican voters to his way of thinking. His friends say that his missionary efforts are being attended with marked success. Certain it is that he is gaining a hearing today for his silver views where not so very long ago he addressed deaf ears. His daily mail is filled with inquiries for information and he keeps at his office in this city a great pile of speeches for silver, including his own, which he gladly distributes to anxious seekers after knowledge." The Post sums up the matter up by saying that "some curious political alignments in Pennsylvania in the future are not unlikely," which is a conservative way of putting it.

The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin in beginning early to make faces at Senator Cameron. It says: "It is reported that Cameron and his friends will endeavor to enlist the aid of the Pennsylvania delegates to the programme of the silverites, at least to the extent of preventing them from making a genuine expression of Pennsylvania opinion on the silver issue. We hope that there will be no such exhibition of cowardice and stultification. Cameron's silver opinions are not shared by his party in his own state; he is in a pitiable and constantly dwindling minority, and the Pennsylvania delegates would do the party no better service than to repudiate his financial sophistries with all the emphasis of which they are capable."

Kentucky's Republican gubernatorial candidate, W. O. Bradley, who for fifteen years has refused to speak to Congressmen

Evans, of Louisville, an equally prominent Republican, is reported to have renounced the story goes that in the Chicago convention of 1860 both were present as members of the "big" Mr. Bradley was then ambitious to be known as an orator and he made several speeches. One morning a newspaper article appeared, the nub of which was: "The difference between Bradley, of Kentucky, and Foraker, of Ohio, is marked. The latter thinks on his feet and the former with his feet." Bradley believed Evans wrote that article and the two men have not spoken as they passed. Now Bradley knows Evans did not write it and peace again reigns in the blue grass region.

Can the party managers get the rank-and-file to work up into another paroxysm of enthusiasm next year over a subject as stale as the tariff? This is the question many people are asking these days. The majority of Republicans think too well of a protective tariff to have it constantly in campaign jeopardy.

The Philadelphia Record is doing its level best to keep up the spirits of the Pennsylvania Democracy by profuse abuse of the Republican majority. The Record has not had a wink of peaceful sleep since the legislature passed the new superior court bill.

Henry Watterson says if the Kentucky Democratic convention shall declare for free silver, 25,000 to 30,000 Democratic voters will be driven into the Republican party, which will then carry the state.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor of The Tribune, Sir: The newspapers so seldom deal fairly with insurance companies in their published articles that it is a matter of special note when the editor of the Philadelphia Record of recent date concerning the lesson of recent fire losses so impressed us for its fairness and soundness upon the insurance matters it referred to that we took occasion to send a copy of the issue to our companies, and, presuming you may be interested in the replies made, we enclose same for your perusal. Yours respectfully, Charles Fuller & Co., Scranton, June 12.

The Actna Company of Hartford, Messrs. Charles Fuller & Co., Scranton, Pa.: Gentlemen—I beg to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Scranton Tribune, which has an editorial on American insurance rates. The editor of this progressive paper, evidently, is a man of good sound judgment and writes an article that is well worth reading. Thanking you for your consideration, I am, very truly yours, C. J. Irvin, Special Agent for Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, May 6.

Hartford Fire Insurance Company, Charles Fuller & Co., Agents, Scranton, Pa.: Gentlemen—We are today in receipt of a copy of the Scranton Tribune, with editorial marked, in relation to the rate on risks in the United States as compared with the rates in other countries. There is no doubt but that the American nation pay a large amount for insurance, but carelessness resulting in the destruction of property by fire compels companies to ask for rates in proportion. I think this editorial will bring about some reforms in your fire department and fire limits. I hope it may be so. Thanking you for drawing our attention to the matter, we remain, yours very truly, Thomas Turnbull, Ass't Sec'y, Hartford, May 6.

Actna Company's Home Office, Messrs. Charles Fuller & Co., Scranton, Pa.: Gentlemen—We are in receipt of yours of the 24 inst., also copy of the Scranton Tribune, with an editorial on the subject of insurance rates, which we have read with interest and share your opinion that it is very far from the point of view, and well written. Yours truly, E. O. Weeks, Ass't Sec'y, Hartford, May 6.

Springfield Fire and Marine Company, Charles Fuller & Co., Agents, Scranton, Pa.: Gentlemen—We have your letter of 23 inst., also copy of the Scranton Tribune under date May 1, and have read the editorial referred to with a great deal of pleasure, as it is an honest statement of facts and a fair representation of the views of insurance companies which narrow-minded editors seem to think is more for their interest to publish, foolishly thinking that cater to popular notions benefits them more than the giving of good, honest advice. If every newspaper in the country would speak the truth in this manner it would reduce the aggregate fire losses throughout the country millions each year. Thanking you for remembering us in this connection, very truly yours, A. W. Damon, President, Springfield, Mass., May 6.

Imperial Company of London, Messrs. Charles Fuller & Co., Scranton, Pa.: Gentlemen—I am in receipt of your favor of 23 inst., with copy of Scranton Tribune. I think it would be a good idea if the Scranton agents used their influence for the extension of your fire limits and for a paid department. You will doubtless have The Tribune to assist you. Am hoping for the best, having read the article with great interest. Yours truly, E. J. Fager, Special Agent for America, New York, May 4.

SCRANTON'S GALA DAY. From the Carbonado Anthracite. Scranton fairly bubbled, seethed and sizzled with joy last night. Every man wore a plug hat and a smile and every maid beamed her brightest. One did not have to inquire for the cause of the exuberance. It was thrust upon you, flaunted in flamboyant glee in your very face. Scranton's representatives upon the base ball diamond had actually won a game and her silver-tongued representatives in the world of music had won fame and glory in harmonious warfare with her ancient enemy, Wilkes-Barre. Why should there not be joy and jubilation? To achieve one such victory means a joy of jubilation that would feign that burg for years moons and two means a paroxysm that threatens peris.

Seriously, they are achievements of which our sister city may well be proud. The musical victory, of course, means most to Scranton. It means education, refinement and a revival of interest in things harmonic. We congratulate the victors upon their well-earned laurels.

TOLD BY THE STARS. Daily Horoscope Drawn by Ajaehus, The Tribune Astrologer. Astrolabe cast: 2:49 a. m. for Friday, June 14, 1895.

It will be the opinion of a child born this day that if Philip Kirk succeeds in answering in one evening all of the criticism that has been fired at him in his official capacity as street commissioner he will have to talk faster than an alarm clock. It is a pleasure to note that Mr. Cleveland did not fish on Sunday. The Sabbath is a better day for cutting bait anyhow.

Judge Rice will do well to get his parate in readiness. The hot air in his boom seems to have been cooled by home sentiment. Some of our contemporaries evidently didn't hear very much about the Wilkes-Barre estabodod or appreciate the magnitude of Scranton's victory until they were wanting them from making a genuine expression of Pennsylvania opinion on the silver issue. We hope that there will be no such exhibition of cowardice and stultification. Cameron's silver opinions are not shared by his party in his own state; he is in a pitiable and constantly dwindling minority, and the Pennsylvania delegates would do the party no better service than to repudiate his financial sophistries with all the emphasis of which they are capable."

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