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CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Interesting Services Held in the Parlor City on Easter Day.

BISHOP VINCENT'S ADDRESS

Preaches an Eloquent Sermon at Confirmation of Deacons—Rev. J. C. Hogan Talks Upon Prohibition. Meeting of Societies.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Binghamton, April 5.—Saturday morning's session opened with devotional exercises led by Bishop Vincent, who spoke on the fourth chapter of Timothy and explained it verse by verse. At 9.30 the business session opened with the reading of the minutes of Friday's session. Rev. Y. C. Smith reported that the terms of office of Rev. J. C. Leacock and Rev. Austin Griffin as members of the board of stewards had expired. Mr. Smith therefore moved that the secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for each of these gentlemen, which was carried and accordingly done. As the second ballot for delegates to the general conference had resulted in no election, a third ballot was ordered and taken and the tellers withdrew to count the vote.

Rev. J. Peck offered a resolution to the effect that the cabinet restore the Wyalusing district with the boundaries it occupied in 1876. Mr. Peck spoke on the good results that would follow were such boundaries again obtained, and ventured the assertion that had they existed and Rev. J. O. Woodruff given charge, that gentleman might have been living, as the air is much more rare in that mountainous region. The following names were called and the men were elected to elders' orders: James Benninger, Herbert J. Ellsworth, Frank D. Hartsock, Eugene L. Jeffrey, Elmer E. Pearce, Charles H. Reynolds, Louis E. Van Horn.

Dr. Hard offered a resolution to be presented to the general conference. The resolution was unanimously adopted. It read:

Whereas, All the benevolent collections so important that the rates of giving to each is carefully defined by the bishops, the general committee, the presiding elders and the district committees, and

Whereas, The growing sentiment in the church is against the enforced requirement of pastors to report some benevolent collections on the floor of the conference because the discipline requires the bishop to demand it and since other collections are unreported in public; therefore

Resolved, That we memorialize the general conference to strike out of the discipline all that requires any pastor to report his collections on the floor of any annual conference, leaving the manner of making any and all reports with the conferences.

This does not affect any disciplinary provision now existing for securing statistical and benevolent reports required for publication in the annual minutes.

THE BALLOT.

The result of the third ballot was announced by the bishop as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 196; necessary to a choice, 97, of which Rev. L. L. Sprague received 100 and Rev. A. J. Van Cleft, 99; Rev. C. B. Olmestead, 66; Rev. H. M. Crydenwise, 37; Rev. W. L. Thorpe, 28. Rev. Sprague and Van Cleft were declared elected. A ballot for reserve was ordered, but before it was taken Rev. C. V. Arnold moved that the two highest be chosen as such alternates. It was then moved that Mr. Arnold's motion be laid upon the table, which was carried by a vote of 52 to 72. Rev. S. G. Snowden was elected conditionally as an elder. When this matter had been disposed of the bishop introduced Rev. J. E. C. Sawyer, editor of the Northern Christian Advocate, who spoke about that paper.

Rev. J. G. Eckman called up the recognition of Thomas B. Barker, a local preacher, of Elm Park church, as a deacon. A resolution asking such election adopted at the quarterly conference of that church on March 23 was read. It was voted to confer such honors upon Mr. Barker on Sunday morning.

Dr. Breckenridge, of New York Methodist hospital, was introduced, but before that gentleman spoke the bishop announced the result of the ballot for reserve delegates. One hundred and sixty-nine votes were cast, eighty-five being necessary for a choice. Rev. E. B. Olmstead received 121, and Rev. H. M. Crydenwise, 93, and were declared elected.

When Mr. Breckenridge had finished speaking Rev. J. F. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, followed with an address on the League and official publications. The following were elected to local deacons orders: Melvin L. Andariese, Alfred Eastman, O. H. P. Armstrong, Edward D. Caveraugh. The name of Chauncy Van Gorden was presented for local deacon's orders. There was some talk about his standing in his examinations and when the vote was taken he was defeated, not more than ten voting affirmatively. The following were continued on trial: C. P. Tiffany, Eugene Carlaugh, J. W. Davis, Eugene Quinby, Sidney E. Hunt, David L. McDonald, Walter A. Wagner, Clinton B. Henry, Milvern L. Anderaiese, Jeremiah S. Custard, David Evans, David B. Wilson, Arthur O. Williams.

WOMEN'S MEETING.

At 2.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon the Woman's Foreign Missionary received the attention of the conference. Miss Fannie Sparks, president of the society, presided over the exercises. Seated on the platform with her were the following officers of the society: Corresponding Secretary Mrs. M. S. Hard, of Kingston; Recording Secretary Mrs. M. L. Meeker, Carbondale; Treasurer Miss Ethel B. Hills, of Binghamton; Superintendent of Boards Mrs. T. M. Furey, of Wanamie; Mrs. Mary Sparkes Wheeler, president of the Philadelphia society and Rev. Homer B. Stuntz, D. D., of India, and Mrs. Curtis E. Mogg, also occupied places on the platform. Miss Hills reported that the receipts by districts was as follows: Binghamton, $455; Chenango, $407; Honesdale, $433; Oneonta, $197; Owego, $476; Wyoming, $1,382; total, $3,050.

The first address was given by Rev. Homer B. Stuntz, D. D. He spoke of the work of missions in India, of the condition of the people and other things connected with missionary work in that country. He was followed by Rev. W. H. Pearce, D. D., of Scranton, who spoke very briefly on the importance of missions in foreign lands.

Another of the historical lectures was given Saturday afternoon by Dr. Robert W. Rogers. This one was on Abraham and the Kings of the East. He spoke of the civilization prevailing in Abraham's days and of the early days of that patriarch. The life of Abraham was given in detail as was also those of the other kings. He followed by hinting at the many lessons to be learned from the history of these lives and how they can be applied to the people of our day.

The following officers have been elected by the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the conference: President, Mrs. C. E. Mogg, of Wilkes-

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MR. PATTISON'S BOOM.

The Man of Destiny Receives Endorsement From the Unterrified.

Reading, Pa., April 5.—The Democratic county standing committee met here yesterday and elected delegates to the state convention. Resolutions were adopted opposing the unit rule and endorsing Robert E. Pattison for president.

Williamsport, Pa., April 5.—At a meeting of the Lycoming Democratic committee here yesterday John J. Reardon was chosen delegate to the national convention. A resolution endorsing ex-Governor Pattison for president was adopted. No action was taken on the unit rule.

Stroudsburg, Pa., April 5.—The Monroe county Democratic committee met here yesterday and adopted resolutions endorsing ex-Governor Pattison for president. Judge Storm received the vote of the committee for delegate to the national convention.

MR. CARLISLE DECLINES.

Thinks He Can Serve His Party Best by Keeping Out of Sight During the Presidential Campaign.

Washington, April 5.—Secretary Carlisle this evening gave out the following letter to Chairman Long of the Democratic central committee of Kentucky, declining to enter the contest for the Democratic nomination for the presidency:

Washington, April 4.

Charles R. Long, Chairman Committee, Louisville, Ky.

My Dear Sir: Your favor of March 30, in which you say in substance that many of my friends in Kentucky and elsewhere desire me to become a candidate before the approaching national Democratic convention for nomination for the office of president and requesting me to give some authoritative or definite expression on the subject, was duly received and has been maturely considered.

Many communications upon the same subject and of similar import have been received from friends in diffrent parts of the country, and while very grateful for these numerous expressions of confidence and esteem upon the part of my Democratic fellow citizens, I have not been able to reach the conclusion that the existing conditions require me to comply with their requests by authorizing them to announce me as a candidate for the presidential nomination. While I feel a profound interest for the welfare of my party, I am much more concerned about its declaration of principles than in its selection of candidates, because then in my opinion its failure or success at the election, as well as its capacity for useful service to the country during the future, depend upon the position it takes or omits to take upon the public questions now engaging the attention of the people, and especially the questions affecting the monetary system of the country and character and amount of taxation to be imposed upon our citizens. Its position upon this and other subjects having been agreed upon and clearly and distinctly announced, the convention ought to have no difficulty in selecting an acceptable candidate who will fairly represent its views, and in order that its deliberations may be embarrassed as little as possible by the contentions of rival aspirants and their friends, I think my duty to the party will be best performed by declining to participate in a contest for the nomination.

The obligations assumed when I accepted my present official position required me to devote my entire attention to the public interests committed to my charge, and I shall continue to discharge the duties imposed upon me to the best of my ability and in such manner as will in my judgment most certainly promote the true interests of the country, and if in the opinion of my fellow Democrats in Kentucky my services entitle me to their commendation and approval, I would regard their endorsement of my public course as an ample reward for the little I have been able to accomplish in behalf of honest administration and a sound financial policy.

With many thanks for your kind letter, I am Very truly yours,

J. G. Carlisle.

STRIKE THREATENED.

The Discharge of Nine Gripman of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company May Cause a Tie-up on the Lines.

New York, April 5.—The danger of a strike on the street railway lines of this city, which are owned by the Metropolitan Street Railway company, because of the discharge of nine gripmen and a conductor, was by no means lessened today. The railway employes persist in the assertion that the men were discharged because of their activity in the affairs of the local branch of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes of America, notwithstanding that the Metropolitan company's officials statement that the reason for dismissing the gripmen and conductor was that they had disobeyed the rule prohibiting them from entering a saloon during working hours.

There was some very determined talk in and around Clarendon hall this afternoon by employes of the railway company and it was declared that unless the discharged men were reinstated there would certainly be a strike.

At the meeting of the Central Labor union in Clarendon hall this afternoon a delegation, consisting of one employe from each of the reads of the Metropolitan system, werep resent, and they asked the privilege of the floor. This was accorded them in executive session. The spokeman stated the grievance and asked for sympathy and advice. The reporters were informed after the meeting that speakers for the Central Labor union had counselled the railway men to move very slowly and had very decidedly thrown cold water upon the eagerness of many of them to strike if the Metropolitan company failed to fully comply with their demands.

C. W. Archibald and Thomas McCullum, of Philadelphia, who came to this city and organized the local branch of the National Amalgamated association, said today that there was nothing new to be said until after consultation with William D. Mahon, president of the National association, who, they expected would shortly arrive in this city from Detroit.

It was rumored this afternoon that officials of the Metropolitan company had signified their willingness to reinstate four of the men discharged, but it was stated that it was not likely the members of the local union would be satisfied with this.

HARRISON-DIMMICK WEDDING

Children of the Ex-President Will Not Witness the Ceremony.

New York, April 5.—Ex-President Harrison spent the most quiet day of his present visit to the metropolis today. It has been a day of declinations, both by the general and his friends regarding the details of tomorrow's wedding. It is known however, that the ceremony will take place between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon unless another change is made in the plans tomorrow morning.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 5.—Russell Harrison and Mrs. McKee, son and daughter of General Harrison, did not leave for New York today to attend the wedding of the ex-President and Mrs. Dimmick tomorrow and they will not be present at the ceremony. From the time the Harrison-Dimmick engagement was first reported it was an open secret here that the children of the ex-president were bitterly hostile to a second marriage

FOR REFORM IN BANKING

Recommendations in Report of the State Commissioner.

PLAN TO TAX FOREIGN SCHEMES

Commissioner Suggests That Fees Should Be Increased to Make the Banking Department Self-Sustaining—Other Suggestions

Harrisburg, Pa., April 5.—The first annual report of the state banking commissioner will be issued in a few days. It gives the condition of the various banking institutions throughout the state and shows advantages that have accrued to these and the business world through the reorganization of the banking department a year ago. The report states that there is at this time $374,241,784.83 of trust funds in the hands of corporations. Only a small percentage of the building and loan associations have been examined and the second volume of the report will deal with these.

Over a thousand associations have thus far reported to the department. The Commissioner, Gilkeson, thinks the foreign associations should be compelled to pay larger fees for the privilege of doing business in the state and he suggests that the next legislature should take hold of the subject of building and loan associations vigorously. The commissioner also recommends that the fees should be increased so as to make the banking department self-sustaining. The associations conducted under the "national system" are escaping, in the judgment of the commissioner, a large share of the burdens of taxation.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following is a summary of the commissioner's recommendations:

First—That applications for charter of trust companies and other financial institutions should be submitted to the commissioner of banking for his approval.

Second—That no institution should be permitted to make loans upon the security of its own capital stock, and that legislation should as soon as possible be had to correct this abuse.

Third—That the percentage of loans to directors of trust companies and other financial institutions should, unless named in the acts incorporating the same, be fixed by law.

Fourth—That a fixed percentage of cash in proportion to deposits should be required by law to be kept in the vaults of banks, trust companies, etc., and called the reserve.

Fifth—That an act be passed making the directors of each of the financial institutions of the state jointly and severally liable in their individual capacities for declaring any dividends which shall impair the capital thereof.

Sixth—That the oaths of directors in all the financial institutions of the state should be required to be filed in this department.

Seventh—That all corporations having power to receive and administer trusts should be required to set apart permanently a definite percentage of each dividend declared as a reserve for the additional protection of the trusts committed to their custody.

Eighth—That foreign corporations coming under the supervision of the banking department and applying for authority to transact business within the state should be first submitted to the commissioner of banking for his approval.

Ninth—That no individual, firm or incorporated company be permitted to use in the conduct of banking business any name, sign or device resembling in any respect that of a bank or other financial corporation.

Tenth—That a uniform rule for all institutions be established fixing a reasonable period beyond which no loan upon which interest remains unpaid should be permitted to be carried as an available asset.

Eleventh—In addition to the examination fees fixed by law for foreign corporation, there should be a general license fee imposed for the privilege of doing business within this state.

Twelfth—That all building and loan associations should be required to register in this department, giving the name of the association and the names and postoffice addresses of the officers thereof, and that when such association expires, an affidavit should be filed in this department stating that fact.

VALUABLE HORSES BURNED.

Animals Owned by Alonzo McDonald Perish in Flames.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 5.—Fire at the driving park last night destroyed the stables leased by Alonzo McDonald, the well-know trainer, and twenty valuable horses were burned to death. The fire was caused by the explosion of an oil stove in one of the cleaners' rooms.

There were thirty horses in McDonald's string, most of which arrived last Thursday. The stables were owned by C. J. Hamlin and were valued at $10,000. The losses on the horses is estimated at about $75,000.

The most valuable horses burned were: Ellen S, 2.11¾, from Gainesville, Texas; General Ewell, 2.15¼, Medina, N. Y.; Eddie Wilkes, 2.27¼, owned by McDonald; Jim Harris, 2.14¾, owend in Pennsylvania; Red Gothard, 2.35, Middleport, N. Y.; Blue Bird, three years gelding, owned by man named Maloy; Fonso Bell, four year old gelding, Bradford, Pa.; Miss Charmer, 2.29½, Bradford, Pa.; Gray Bird, four years old, Bradford, Pa.; Isabell, Bradford, Pa.; Winsure, 2.21½, Bradford, Pa.; Zelos, Bradford, Pa., Pallas, 2.24½, Port Huron, Mich.

The horses are said to have been worth at least $75,000. The six Bradford horses, the care takers say, could not have been bought for $25,000; Ellen S was valued at $10,000; Denzel, at $8,000; Jim Harris, at $5,000; Eddie Wilkes, at $3,000; Red Gothard and Blue Bird, at $1,000 each, and the others at lesser amounts. The loss is a crushing one to McDonald, as there was not a dollar of insurance on any of his property. So far as known the horses burned were all without insurance.

M'KINLEY LEADS QUAY.

Choice Expressed at the Lycoming County Primaries.

Williamsport, Pa., April 5.—The Republican primaries in Lycoming county last night resulted in the election of Elias Deemer for national delegate, over Hon. H. C. Parsons. Deemer's candidacy was made on a McKinley platform and Parsons was for Quay.

The people were given an opportunity to vote their preference on president and McKinley has full three-fourths of the entire vote, with Quay second and Allison third. Howard Lyon, James Coulter and Robert Brownlee were elected delegates to the state convention.

Advance of 8 Per Cent.

Morgantown, W. Va., April 5.—The miners and mine workers of the Fairmon region have received notice that the rate for mining would be advanced 2½ cents a ton, and mine workers accordingly. This is equal to an advance of about 8 per cent.

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, April 5.—Arrived: Fuerst Bismarck from Naples, etc., La Bourgogne from Havre. Sailed: Etruria from Queenstown. Sighted: La Normandie, from New York for Havre, passed the Lizz

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

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Latest Political Information.
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2 Wyoming Conference (Continued.)
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3 (Local)—How Easter Was Observed.
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No More Electric Lights.

4 Editorial.
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5 (Local)—Reorganization of City Government.
Two Excellent Reports.
Saturday's Primaries.
Rights of Aldermen.

6 (Story)—"Nor King Nor Country" (Concluded.)
News of the Railroads.

7 (Local)—Suburban Happenings.
Teachers' Institute Today.

8 News Up and Down the Valley.

BLAZE AT HONESDALE.

The Hennigan Block Consumed by Fire. Lewis Manger, a Fireman, Received Serious Injuries—Estimate of Losses.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Honesdale, Pa., April 5.—This place was visited by another disastrous fire on Saturday night at 12 o'clock. The location was what was known as the Hennigan block on lower Main street, nearly opposite the Coyne house. The block was an enormous wooden structure which was occpied by Julius Moll, merchant tailor; Chris Knehr, boots and shoes; James Soutman, restaurant; Charles Loercher, funiture; Joseph Krantz, saloon; Patrick Cromhan, grocery; William Kain, saloon, and Clark & Co., of Scranton, were temporarily in possession of one store with Easter plants. The second stories of a portion of the block were occupied as residences.

Owing to the partial drawing off of the water in the canal basin, some difficulty was experienced in getting water. Lewis Manger, a fireman, was knocked down into the fire by a falling timber and his clothing catching fire he was seriously and perhaps fatally burned.

The losses will probably reach $15,000 and are partly covered by insurance, as follows: Hennigan estate, $1,000; Krantz, $1,000; Loercher, $1,800; Moll, $1,500; Croghan, $500; Kain, $500.

The buildings on the opposite side of the street were badly scorched. 6

BUSH'S SHOCKING FATE.

A Young Man Impaled by the Limb of a Falling Tree.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Montrose, April 5.—On Friday afternoon Harrison Darrow, a farmer living about two miles east of Montrose, felled a huge Maple tree. Imagine his surprise and horror when in trimming the smaller branches to find a man named Bush, son of Caleb Bush, who he employed, impaled by a broken limb. Darrow cut away the branches as soon as possible and brought Bush to Montrose where Dr. Gardner, after a careful examination, pronounced life extinct. It is supposed that death was instantaneous. Bush had been engaged in other work about the farm and Darrow did not know of his presence when the tree fell.

The fact that Bush was very deaf prevented him from hearing the creaking of the tree as it was about to fall, otherwise he would have had an opportunity to escape. Darrow's grief over the unfortunate accident is beyond description.

M'KINLEY'S CLAIMS.

The Boomers Calculate That He Can Rally 450 Delegates by May 1st.

Washington, April 5.—General Grosvenor, of Ohio, tonight recapitulated by states the number of delegates elected to the St. Louis convention whom he claimed for Major McKinley. The table is as follows: Alabama, 4; Arkansas, 16; Florida, 8; Georgia, 17; Illinois, 6; Indiana, 30; Kansas, 20; Louisiana, 8; Minnesota, 18; Mississippi, 18; Missouri, 10; Nebraska, 2; New Jersey, 2; New York, 4; Ohio, 46; Pennsylvania, 2; South Carolina, 6; South Dakota, 8; Texas, 12; Virginia, 2; West Virginia, 2; Wisconsin, 24; Indian Territory, 2; New Mexico, 4; Oklahoma, 4; total, 275.

"I continued," said General Grosvenor, "to count the unelected delegates in Ohio and Indiana, which reconciles the difference between the New York Tribune's figures and mine by the addition of twenty-four. My claims in Texas, Oklahoma and South Carolina differ from those of others who are figuring. Mine will be right absolutely or will be little under the actual result.

The present week will not be an interesting one as far as state conventions are concerned, the only ones to be held being those of South Carolina, Oregon and Rhode Island, but during the remainder of April there will be at least 170 delegates elected for McKinley, and the 1st of May will see the number of McKinley delegates easily 450. There will be elected thereafter 162 delegates, so McKinley will receive quite a large per cent. of the reserve force. The pleasant feature of this whole business is the fact that these delegates already elected in large part come from states who will furnish electiral votes to the Republican ticket."

OHIO WOMEN AROUSED.

They Propose, if Possible, to Abate Another Theatre Nuisance.

Cincinnati, April 5.—Several prominent women of this city have decided upon a plan of "getting even" for the passage of the Fosdick anti-high hat bill. One of them said:

"We will avenge ourselves by introducing a bill in the Ohio legislature by which the men will be subjected to as big a snub as the women were. The bill will be drawn up in a few days, with the same provisions and fines to be inflicted upon theater-goers and managers as provided in the Fosdick bill for each person found leaving his seat during an intermission at the theater or found spitting tobacco juice on the floor. I don't know that it will be passed, but nevertheless it will be introduced."

Bar Iron Trust.

Cincinnati, O., April 5.—A meeting of the bar iron manufacturers was held yesterday, but the session was executive, and every member was sworn to secrecy. It leaked out later that plans were perfected for a very close organization of the plan of the sugar trust, starch trust and similar corporations.

Herald's Weather Report.

New York, April 6.—Herald's weather forecast: In the middle states today fair, warmer weather will prevail, with fresh westerly winds, followed by cloudiness and possibly by rains and high winds on the coasts. On Tuesday partly cloudy to cloudy weather will prevail, with slight temperature changes, preceded by showers.

MYSTERIES OF HYPNOTISM

Professor Baldwin on the Fakes of the Occult Science.

SOMNOMANCY AND MESMERISM

The White Mahatmas Create Lively Interest in Rochester—Why Baldwin Does Not Get Rich by Means of Mrs. Baldwin's Gift.

Rochester, April 5.—Professor Samri S. Baldwin and his wife, self-styled the "White Mahatmas," have been enlivening Rochester for a week and the greatest curiosity has been aroused by their performances. To a Democrat and Chronicle reporter Baldwin said: "Mrs. Baldwin is really in the hypnotic state when she gives the answers to the questions and the descriptions that seem to you so marvelous."

Professor Baldwin explained that he has no religious faith further than a belief in an all-pervading force which he calls the life-spirit, and positively disclaims any belief in supernatural or spiritualistic manifestations. He claims simply to be a clever deceiver, with the right to resort to any trickery or chicanery to delude his spectators. He is however, a firm believer in hypnotism and the startling results that may be attained by it. On the other hand he was yesterday free to confess that even after years of careful study of mesmerism, hypnotism, clairvoyance and kindred subjects, he understood only first principles, that he observed many phenomena for which he was at a loss to account. Then continuing with a laugh he said:

"So you didn't know where 'you were at,' during the performance? There are a good many hundred thousand people in different parts of the globe that have shared the feeling. Most of the results that I attain are brought about through deception and sleight-of-hand, but not all. I utterly disclaim any faith in spiritualism whatever, not that it is may not be real, but because in the course of my forty years of experience which has brought me into contact with many of the prominent so-called mediums of the last half century, I have never seen a manifestation that could not be duplicated by the skillful use of purely natural agencies. I have witnessed the almost miraculous feats of the eastern Mahatmas, the Indian Yogii and Gooroos, the Gompas of Thibet, the Kenniahs of Borneo, the fakirs, the Zulu witch doctors, and I don't know what not, and can now with the proper apparatus, I think, perform them again; at any rate I know how they are done.

MME. BLAVATSKY.

"Then there is—or was—Madame Blavatsky. Almost every day of my life I am asked for my opinion of her. But why I should say this to a stranger I don't know, for, really, from a financial point of view—and we are all after the dollars and cents—I find that it is not wise to commit myself, for many believers in spiritualism and scoffers at hypnotism do not like it. I am simply an entertainer and claim the right to use any means to accomplish my ends without being discourteous, and explain what I think will further my pleasure-giving ends.

"But, to return to Madame Blavatsky, I hesitate to express myself strongly lest I be misunderstood and it be fancied that I am attacking her because she has passed into another state long since, and can not refute my declarations. I have no wish to vilify her. On the contrary she was a woman for whom I had the greatest admiration. Her genius and ability were so undoubted that no one could come in contact with her without being impressed by her power, but she was from birth an enigma to herself and her friends. To me personally Madame Blavatsky was a most complex character. I feel quite sure that within her own mind she deemed herself absolutely honest. I am quite sure also that she thoroughly believed in theosophical doctrine about which she wrote so much, and to which she sought to convert the world. I am fully convinced that she possessed abnormal clairvoyant, mesmeric and magnetic powers, and that she believed she possessed far greater powers than she really did. I believe that many of her clairvoyant and hypno-magnetic manifestations were genuine. But I am not at all sure that her physical manifestations, such as the precipitation of letters and the production of astral bodies, were genuine phenomena. She was a self-deceived deceiver. It is only fair to say that I believe whatever she did do to deceive her friends was not done from sordid motives, nor did she deceive deliberately. My idea is that Madame Blavatsky was an enthusiast and in her own particular subject perhaps a monomaniac. Her work was done simply for the purpose of winning converts to theosophy, and she believed the indirect means justifiable, though in later years, when many of the tricks were shown up, she regretted having resorted to this method.

THE HYPNOTIC STATE.

"That is all very interesting, Professor Baldwin, but aren't you wandering from the point? What I would like to know, is how the hypnotic state is produced, and the results that you obtain from the subject are secured."

Again the performer laughed and went on: "No, I'll get there in a little while. The longest way round is the shortest way home sometimes, you know. There are many side wires that have to be pulled to make what little I know of the subject clear. Perhaps I was in danger of being side-tracked for a time, though. I am so full of the subject that I could talk all night.

"It is only a few years ago, not more than twenty-five or thirty, at the most, when almost every one sneered at mesmerism and hypnotism as being merely terms expressing a peculiar kind, or class, of humbug. Now almost every person of any intelligence admits the existence of hypnotism and mesmeric forces. It is only a few years ago that nine hundred and ninety-nine medical and scientific men out of every thousand scoffed at these forces, as being purely hypothetical and fancied powers, which some misguided cranks imagined that they possessed. Now they all unreservedly admit the reality of hypnotic and mesmeric powers and conditions. No one but an arrogant ignoramus will pretend at this day that hypnotism is a fake. Hypnotism and mesmerism are not identical, though they have many points in common—but if I go into that, you will never get an answer to your question.

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He kept his word. The policeman who was called in by the shouts of the saloon loungers, found the living negro almost frightened out of his wits, in the grasp of his victim and drenched with his blood. So desperate was the grip that they had to be dragged apart by main strength. The murdered man was Peter Barrett and his slayer Thomas Cooper.