

“Those Black Diamond Men.”

True Pictures of the Coal Fields.



REV. WILLIAM PUTCHEY GIBBONS.

REV. WILLIAM PUTCHEY GIBBONS has added a rich gift to the literature illustrating types of American life. His book, “Those Black Diamond Men,” just published by the Fleming H. Revell company, has a unique value, for it contains character sketches absolutely true as found in the anthracite coal regions. A man of culture and unusual depth of spiritual experience, he has gathered these impressions before the strangeness, the pathos and the tragedy became commonplace because of familiarity. He has written these down with a certain freshness and spontaneity that no other interpreter of conditions in our region has approached. He has touched deeply the springs of life underground and has been close enough to the “other half” that, like Jacob Rius, he has listened to the heart beats and found that they are alive.

His book deserves rank with Jacob Rius’ “How the Other Half Lives,” with Ralph Connor’s “Black Rock” and “Ski Pilot,” with Wyckoff’s “Workers.” Indeed, in some respects it ranks above any of these, for somehow, woven into the dull fabric, the rough and darkened warp and woof of the unlovely caskets where his diamonds are found is a subtle personal touch, a tender humor, a lack of bitterness that none of these other books possesses to such a marked degree. The sarcasm is keen and it cuts, but there, too, is the tender healing of an understanding that does not condemn harshly but ever pities.

While the book is not in any sense a novel, the characters appear again and again in succeeding chapters and grow dear and familiar. There is a clergyman with strenuous ideas and a degree of muscular Christianity which he finds equal. There are English, Irish, Welsh, Hungarian and Polish types easily recognized and real. There is a sweet girl with a mission to go and preach the gospel in China, but who finds her heart torn along with her love at her own hearthstone. There are woeful tragedies and also bright glimpses of happiness within the covers of this volume, but chiefly the stories are tinged with irrepressible sadness that must hover over the spot where tragedy is ever the expected thing.

The fierce, hot resentment against the curse of the laboring man—liquor—is everywhere predominant. It is such resentment as a man must have felt in his heart who has been baffled at every step by this menacing enemy, whenever he has struggled to lift his fellows.

Another element prominent in the series of stories is the exceptional sense of justice which the author shows. He touches upon most of the grievances of the mine workers, the daily peril to life, sulphurous cum dumps, the defective condition of powder, the rapacity of corporations, and set he turns to the other side of the question and shows the kindness of heart, the generosity and consideration of the individual operator, beneath a gruff exterior, the true ethics of strikes and the position—little understood—which the foreign-speaking laborer occupies.

While the colors in which the pictures are drawn seem to be mainly sombre, there is a certain vein of delicious humor running through the entire book that lends an infinite charm. The description of the scene where the irascible president of a great railway awarded fifty dollars to an importunate Italian woman for the destruction of her goat on the railroad, all because the president did not understand her lingo and thought she was bewailing the loss of a cow, is irresistible funny.

How the rector acquired a gamecock is another story which affords more than passing amusement. “His voice kep’ gettin’ clearer and soldier,” declared one of the participants in that memorable cock-fight, “only it were so hawful sad—an’ then all at once he rung hout a command, like he were blowin’ on a trumpet, an’ then stopped.”

“In the name of the Lord Jehovah, I command you to stop this fight instantly!” To select one story which contains humor and pathos and almost tragedy, mingled with the tenderest sentiment, it is only necessary to read “A One-Mule Man.” The description of the incident where the visiting coal dealers, large, pompous men, were obliged to climb eleven hundred feet out of a mine whose machinery had broken down, is highly dramatic.

The style of the writer throughout is peculiarly apt and clever. The dialect is natural and not wearisome. The situations are not exaggerated and the sentiment is wholesome and optimistic. Mr. Gibbons has done something for the anthracite regions that no other writer has ever approached.

MUSICAL GOSSIP

Mr. Carl Faellen, of Boston, the celebrated pianist, will give a pianoforte recital under the auspices of the Conservatory next Monday evening in St. Luke’s Parish house. Mr. Faellen will play the following programme:

- Theme and Variations.....Schubert Sonata, D Major, Op. 28.....Bethoven Allegro, Andante, Scherzo, Rondo. (Note—This work is known as Pastoral Sonata, a title well suited to its lyric character). Etude, B Flat Minor, Op. 10, No. 1. Andantino, E Flat Major, Op. 12, No. 2. Spinning Song, C Major, Op. 67, No. 4. Aufschwung, F Minor, Op. 12, No. 2. Nachtsucke, F Major, Op. 23, No. 4. Tocatta, C Major, Op. 7.....Schumann Nocturne, G Major, Op. 37, No. 2. Ballade, G Minor, Op. 23.....Chopin Valse et Scene du “Faust.” Gounod-Liszt

“A True Love Waits for You” is the title of a new sentimental song by the well known composer, Clarence E. Knowles. The theme is in common time with a pretty waltz refrain, and is very catchy. The words and music are by Mr. Knowles, and the composition seems well calculated to become popular. It will undoubtedly have a large sale.

“Love Whispers” is the title of Alfred Wooley’s new song, which has just been accepted and will shortly be published by Theodore Presser, of Philadelphia. The song possesses unusual merit, being very melodious throughout, having a medium range and being very singable. It will undoubtedly become popular with the average singer. It is the third song of Mr. Wooley’s in press.

The pupils of Miss Mary L. Cavanaugh, assisted by Miss Rose Arigoni and Miss Frank Brandage, soprano, and Miss Virginia Jones, contralto, will give a recital at Powell’s music ware rooms on Monday night. The following programme will be rendered:

- Duet, Valse lente, No. 2.....Klein and Eliazabeth Thomas. Vocal, “The Little Coquette,” Valse.....Krogmann Anna Bell Fiebler. Duet, Polka Rondo, No. 3.....Klein Eliazabeth and Rachel Davis. Vocal, “Hope On,” Valse.....Klein Miss Via Jones. “Purge in the Village”.....Helms Frederick Schnell. “After School”.....Everts Helen Hagen. “Skating”.....Klein Nellie McCann. “Village Fete,” Rondo.....Lebierre Eliazabeth Thomas. Vocal, “Barque of Dreams”.....Gray Miss Rose Arigoni. “Pussy’s March”.....Read Margaret Hayes. Valse, “Rosette”.....Bachmann Gertrude Hunden. “Bubbling Spring”.....Ivye King Florence McCann. Vocal duet, “Cherfulness”.....Gumbert Mrs. Brandage and Via Jones. Sonatina, Op. 3, Op. 48.....Lichner Harry Niehter. “Fairy Fingert,” Etude Caprice.....Mills Lillian Tooley. Vocal, “In Gay Saville”.....Dessauer Miss Rose Arigoni. Valse Sentimentale, Les Sirenes.....Thome Eliazabeth Thomas. “Evening Bells”.....Geibel Lena Koch. Vocal, “Better Land”.....Cowen Mrs. Brandage.

Mr. Carl Faellen, of the Pianoforte School of Boston, will have a recital Monday night under the auspices of the Conservatory of Music, in St. Luke’s Parish hall. His last public recital of the season in Boston will take place today. It is an event to hear him in Scranton and the recital will doubtless be well attended.

Miss Laura Meldrum, pupil of Mr. E. E. Southworth, will give a pianoforte recital at Powell’s piano warerooms next Tuesday evening. Miss Florence Robertson, soprano soloist, will assist.

Recorder W. L. Connell has just purchased for his daughter, Miss Natalie, a remarkably fine Amati violin. It is in fine preservation and has a mellow, powerful tone, which easily fills a large hall.

Miss Julia Allen and Miss Cordelia Fennell have, at the request of both friends and pupils, decided to defer their pupils’ recitals until next October, when they will give a series of six musicales, covering all grades.

The sopranos and altos of J. T. Watkins’ recital chorus and of the Catholic Choral club are requested to meet this afternoon at 3 o’clock, at Mr. Watkins’ studio.

DEATH OF DR. BARNES.

Action Taken by the Lackawanna Medical Society.

A largely attended meeting of the Lackawanna County Medical Society was held last evening to take action on the death of Dr. Lewis S. Barnes. After remarks on the marked medical ability and sterling worth of the deceased, it was decided that the society attend the funeral in a body.

The society will meet at the Scranton Private hospital at 2:30 p. m.

A committee consisting of Drs. J. E. O’Brien, L. M. Gates and W. M. Reedy drafted the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. Lewis S. Barnes the members of the Lackawanna County Medical Society lament the loss of a worthy, skillful and respected colleague and hereby tender their sincerest sympathy to his bereaved relatives.

THE CITY PRINTING.

\$4,000 of the Appropriation Already Expended—Emergency Appropriation Must Be Passed.

Over \$4,000 of the \$5,000 appropriated for city printing for the current fiscal year has already been expended, and the year not yet one-quarter over. Unless an emergency appropriation is made shortly, it will be necessary to create a deficiency in this account.

As is generally known, the “ripper” bill provides that all ordinances passed by council shall be printed in full in the official newspapers. Not a single ordinance passed last year was so printed. The opinion having been expressed that all these ordinances were technically illegal as a consequence of this omission, a provision was inserted in the general printing ordinance passed some time ago, providing that all last year’s ordinances should be printed in full.

Only about one-quarter of the measures passed last year have been printed in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance, yet the printing appropriation has been nearly exhausted. City Clerk Lavelle estimates that it will require nearly \$25,000 to pay for the printing of last year’s ordinances and for the regular printing for the current year.

A new printing ordinance introduced in select council last Thursday night repeats the ordinance passed some months ago and makes no reference to the printing of last year’s ordinances. It provides, however, for the printing of all ordinances passed this year. City Clerk Lavelle says that as soon as the \$5,000 appropriation is exhausted, he will not have any more ordinances printed.

“I will create no deficiency,” he said yesterday. “After that \$5,000 is expended, none of this year’s ordinances or last year’s will be printed, unless an emergency appropriation is made.”

He believes that even if no more of last year’s ordinances are printed, it will require over \$10,000 to pay for the regular printing for the current year.

ADMIRALTY SCORED.

Beresford Attacks British Naval Administration.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, June 20.—During the discussion of the navy estimates in the house of commons today, Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, Conservative, scathingly criticized the administration of the navy. He declared the whole admiralty system was rotten and led to great extravagance and the general want of efficiency of the navy, on which depended the existence of the empire. That was the judgment of all the commissions of inquiry and had been proven to be a fact. Every increase in the number of ships and every improvement in them had been the result of outside agitation. As the result of such agitation, the British Mediterranean fleet was now a fourth stronger than it was a year ago.

It was remarkable, Lord Beresford added, that both army and navy officers were compelled to threaten to resign in order to get things righted. Great Britain had only 29,000 naval reserves, instead of the regular 80,000, and the engine-room department were thousands of men short. As to armament, both the United States and France possessed superior guns. Blunders would continue until a separate business board was appointed at the admiralty and was made responsible for the efficiency of the fleet. Treasury control was fatal to efficiency. As an instance, the speaker pointed out the case of Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, Liberal, who, when he was chancellor of the exchequer, put his pen through the appropriation for ammunition supplies after the guns had been ordered.

Steamship Arrivals.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, June 20.—Arrived: Furst Bismarck, Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg. Cleared: Vaderland, Antwerp; Noordam, Boulogne and Rotterdam; Trave, Genoa and Naples; Campania, Liverpool; Patria, Havre; Liverpool.—Arrived: Germanic, New York, Hamburg.—Arrived: Pretoria, New York, Southampton.—Sailed: Columbia, New York via Cherbourg; Florida, Liverpool.—Passed: Potsdam for New York; Lizard.—Passed: Friesland, New York for Antwerp; Brow Head, June 21.—Passed: Itruria, for Queenstown and Liverpool.

President Invited to Indianapolis.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, June 20.—Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, this evening presented to President Roosevelt Colonel James B. Coryell, of Philadelphia, commander-in-chief, and other members of a committee of the Spanish American war veterans, who invited the president to attend the third national encampment of the Spanish American war veterans at Indianapolis in September. The president expressed a desire to be present if he could make arrangements.

Fatal Duel at Roanoke.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Roanoke, Va., June 20.—A special dispatch to the Times says: “James Ellis, a policeman in the little town of Elk Park, N. C., and William Winters, a mountaineer, faced each other with revolvers and fired several shots. Ellis was killed while Winters was seriously if not fatally wounded. Winters had a grudge against the officer who had formerly arrested him for disorderly conduct and handled him roughly, Winters charges.”

Bill to Adjust Maine Claims.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, June 20.—Representative Mahon, of Pennsylvania, today introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of the navy to determine the just compensation to the sufferers from the destruction of the battleship Maine and appropriating \$1,200,000 for adjustment of these claims, the limit for cases of personal injury being placed at \$5,000 and an account of death at \$10,000.

BELGIENLAND NOT SIGHTED.

Report of Mishap to the American Liner Discredited.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, June 20.—The London agents of the American Line have heard nothing of the report, in circulation here last night, that the Belgenland, of that line, which left Queenstown yesterday for Philadelphia, was returning to the former port. Dispatches from Queenstown this morning say that vessels which have arrived there today have not sighted any disabled steamship. The report regarding the Belgenland is believed to be unfounded.

A. J. Wright, of the International Navigation company, said this morning that no confirmation had been received here of the cable rumor that the steamship Belgenland, which sailed from Queenstown on Thursday for Philadelphia, had turned back to the port from which she started.

FOREST FIRES NEAR TACOMA.

The Fire Department of the City Sent Out to Protect Property.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Tacoma, Wash., June 20.—The fire department of this city has sent men, horses and apparatus to Buckley, this county, which is threatened with complete destruction by forest fires raging between that town and Enumelaw, King county. A great cloud of smoke hangs over Tacoma, 33 miles from Buckley. The mountain hill, two miles east of Buckley, was burned today.

Undoubtedly many lives of mountain campers and loggers have been lost. The town of Buckley seems doomed. About 40 women and children are shut off by fire from reaching the town and are suffering greatly from heat and smoke. Twenty buildings and a large mill are burning. Everybody is ready to remove, and wagons are being loaded.

SPANISH FORTS NEAR GIBRALTAR.

General Weyler to Strengthen Them. Fears British Aggression.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Madrid, June 20.—General Weyler, the minister of war, it is announced, has decided to reorganize the civil and military administration in the region of Gibraltar.

London, June 20.—A dispatch from Gibraltar says the Spanish authorities are expecting a visit from General Weyler, the Spanish minister of war, whose object is to inspect, with a view of strengthening them, the existing defenses, and the erection of new forts within a twelve-mile radius of Gibraltar. That action is said to be due to fears that the government of Great Britain contemplates the seizure of the hinterland of Gibraltar.

BIG GAME IN MEXICO.

Antelopes, Wild Boar, Mountain Lions, Wild Dogs and Wild Burros.

From the Mexican Herald.

A civil engineer recently returned from the hacienda of Jimico in Coahuila, an immense property containing over 2,000 square kilometers, tells some stirring tales of shooting wild game. Antelopes abound, but great care is necessary in approaching these wily creatures, owing to their habit of always placing one or two on guard while the rest of the herd is feeding. The sentinels, faithful to their duty, remain with head erect, peering and sniffing to the four points of the compass, and give a swift alarm the moment an enemy appears in sight.

Not long since a party of young men were hunting the javali, or wild hog, and, coming up with a number, one of the hunters succeeded in killing one and dismounted to secure it. As he approached his prey a dozen or more javali that were hiding in the tall grass attacked him ferociously, and one fastened his tusks in the hunter’s heel, hanging on like grim death. The others came to their companion’s assistance and the brute was killed, but the

A CHAIN OF EVENTS

HOW THE LIVES OF OTHERS INFLUENCED MR. HUBBARD’S FATE.

An Interesting Account of the Manner in Which Circumstances Grouped Themselves in His Favor.

Mr. Hubbard was helpless from an attack of paralysis and utterly discouraged. He had been getting worse and worse, month by month. First it made him unable to work, then he could not walk, then he could not even raise a hand to feed himself—he could not move any part of his body except his head. But, unknown to him, all the time of his affliction, circumstances had been arranging themselves for his recovery.

It all hinged on the moving of a Mrs. Smith from New York to Sistersville, W. Va. She had been cured of paralysis and it was through her suggestion that Timothy Cushion, a neighbor in her new home, was cured of a similar affliction. Then, upon his recommendation, a Mr. Sipher, a fellow-workman who was paralyzed, took the same course of treatment and it cured him.

“I heard of Sipher’s case,” said Mr. Hubbard, who lives not far from Sistersville, “and my son took me over to see him. It gave me new courage to hear him tell how readily he found relief, for I had given up hope of ever being able to move again. I was perfectly helpless. When I was first taken I was treated by three physicians, one of them a specialist, but I got worse instead of better. I could both walk and feed myself when I began doctoring with them but finally I could move nothing except my head. The doctors’ medicine caused my stomach to pain me a great deal; it didn’t help me a bit and, as I said, I got discouraged.”

“Then, after I saw Mr. Sipher and he told me that Dr. Williams’ Pink Pills for Pale People had accomplished such a wonderful cure in his case as well as for Mr. Cushion and Mrs. Smith, I decided to take this remedy myself. In about three weeks after beginning with the pills I noticed a change for the better. Now I can walk and get around all right. Sipher and Cushion are able to be out at their work as well-drillers, and Mrs. Smith, I am told, is as spry a lady as there is in Sistersville.”

Mr. Henry J. Hubbard lives in Wintons, Ohio, and is willing to substantiate his above statement. Dr. Williams’ Pink Pills for Pale People, the remedy which accomplished these marvelous cures, are not like any other medicine. They act, not on the symptoms, but on the causes of disease and have cured not only partial paralysis, but are in unfailing specific for all diseases arising from impoverished blood or shattered nerves. They cure locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus dance, sciatica, neuralgia, nervous headache, after-effects of the grip, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions and all forms of weakness. At all druggists, or direct from Dr. Williams’ Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., fifty cents per box; six boxes for two dollars and a half.

Goldsmith's Bazaar. Attractive, Alluring And Seasonable articles For Saturday's Trade at Rock Bottom Prices.

At Gent's Furnishing Counter. Men's White Pleated Madras and Bedford Cord Shirts with all-over body perfection brand, at 49c. Men's Fancy Colored Woven Madras Golf Shirts, with separate cuffs, sizes 12 1/2 to 18. See window, 49c. Men's Lace Front Shirts, pink, blue and linen effects, at 98c.

At Ribbon Counter. Pure Silk Taffeta Ribbons, 4 inches wide, white, cream and all colors. Saturday only 12c. Fancy Silk Striped Ribbons, 3 1/2 to 4 inches wide, the 18c kind. For Saturday 10c. New Moire Sash Ribbons, from 4 to 7 inches wide, in cream, white, black, blue, pink and other colors; 23c to 59c.

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Ex-Governor John P. Altgeld, of Illinois. “When prescriptions and drugs were as ineffectual as empty words, it came to the rescue of myself and Mrs. Altgeld, and did that which other things had failed to do. Honor those to whom honor is due.” For Osteopathic treatment in Green Ridge, go to the Green Ridge Sanitarium, 1529 N. Washington avenue. Dr. Herbt. L. Furman, Superintendent.

Mexican character, which does not lend itself to anything approaching boastfulness. The writer knows of an ardent sportsman, a general who had one room entirely adorned with firearms and furnished with trophies of the chase. The furniture was covered with skins, the feet of the chairs being deers’ horns. The arms, dating from the conquest to the present time, were valued at over \$20,000. So far did this general carry his fond for shooting implements that he had a cigarette case made in the shape of a pistol, and in offering his guests “cigarros” pulled a real trigger and shot the tobacco missiles in their direction.

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