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### BY THE WAY.

—Next Sunday is Palm Sunday.  
—One week from today will be Good Friday.

—With the close of Lent several weddings will take place, of which our readers will be duly notified.

—Monday evening of next week, the venerable Blind Tom will give a piano concert at Music Hall.

—Prices for the Blind Tom concert to be given at Music Hall on Monday are: Admission to balcony, 25 cts.; other admission, 35 cts. Reserved seats, 35, 50 and 75.

—At the regular meeting of Plainfield Division, No. 23, Sons of Temperance, to be held in Odd Fellows Hall, this evening, officers will be nominated for the ensuing term.

Celery cooked or uncooked, is a specific against rheumatism, and tomatoes for purifying the blood have no rival. Asparagus helps, and in some cases prevents kidney trouble.

—We are pleased to note that some parents are taking an interest in the school work of their children. They should also visit the schools more frequently and give encouragement to both scholars and teachers.

—All members of the Plainfield Gesang and Turn Verein Society are requested to meet at their hall on Somerset street to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of attending the funeral of their late brother, George M. Stiles.

—A man named Comar, residing at Metuchen, was driving under the Park avenue railroad bridge yesterday afternoon, when his horse became frightened at a passing train, and nearly wrecked the vehicle to which he was attached.

—The young man of the period may be interested in a prediction, confidentially made at a recent meeting of the Custom Tailors' Association held in Chicago, Ill., that knee breeches, or knickerbockers, would surely come into vogue, and soon, for dress occasions.

—A German employed by Mr. G. W. Lewis, the butcher, was driving a load of rubbish along Park avenue, yesterday afternoon. At the corner of Front street one of the hind wheels on the wagon collapsed, and immediately thereafter the air was filled with garbage and German dialect.

—An emergent communication of Anchor Lodge, F. and A. M., has been called at the Lodge rooms at 12.30 o'clock Saturday, to prepare to attend the funeral of their late brother, George M. Stiles. The members of Jerusalem Lodge have been invited to unite with them in the services, and will meet at the same time and place.

—Next to a seat in rear of the woman who wears a big hat, there is probably nothing which tends so much to destroy one's enjoyment of a pleasant musical entertainment, as sitting near the man who attempts to keep time with the music by stamping the floor with his boot heel, and produce the impression that he is vigorously beating a bass drum.

**What Increased Business Necessitates.**  
The Scott Press Works Co., have recently placed \$110,000 additional fire insurance on their property. The large number of costly tools recently added to the capacity of the shops, and the many expensive printing machines in course of construction just now to order, necessitated this increase of insurance to partly cover the additional risk.

**The First Gun.**  
The first State election of the Presidential year will be that in Rhode Island April 4. The State gave Blaine a plurality of 6,439, but the Democrats elected their Governor last year by a plurality of 2,984. The Democratic State Convention is called for next Monday, and a lively campaign is promised.

## PARTICULAR MENTION.

An evening "tea" was given to a select few by Mrs. E. L. Walz at her residence on LeGrande avenue, last evening.

Miss Grace Baker of Clinton, N. J., is spending a few days with her grandfather, Rev. Mr. Baker of West Second street.

Messrs. Peter Emmons and Henry E. Needham, the recently-elected Councilmen of North Plainfield, took the oath of office before Borough Clerk James K. Arnold, on Tuesday evening.

The wife and family of Mr. Robert A. Meeker of East Second street, returned from the South on Wednesday evening, where they have been enjoying a warmer climate during the winter months.

The funeral of the young son of Robert and Elizabeth McGinney, who died on Wednesday, took place from the house on South Second street, yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in the Presbyterian cemetery, North Plainfield.

Mr. Wm. D. Thickstun, son of Dr. Daniel H. Thickstun of Central avenue, having passed a full course at the New York College of Dentistry, has been examined by the faculty of the institution and endorsed as qualified to enter the senior class of the College.

The "Jolly Boys" gave an evening soiree at the residence of Mrs. E. Walling, corner of Central avenue and Third street, last night. About twenty couples were present, and danced until early morn to the inspiring strains of Frazee's "best." The collation was both bounteous and appetizing. The Committee of arrangements consisted of the following persons: L. C. Beckman, J. C. Pennington, and E. I. Vroom.

In THE CONSTITUTIONALIST of today is published an interesting review of the life and business success of Nathan Randolph Vail who was a native of Plainfield, the youngest child of the late Nathan Vail, and was born March 25, 1825, in the house now owned by Lawrence Myers, Esq. Mr. Vail died March 5, 1888, in consequence of the upsetting of a boat in the surf, at Redondo Beach, near Los Angeles, California. The deceased was a brother of Mahlon Vail, Esq., of Park avenue, and a cousin of ex-Postmaster Vail. He was the father of John Randolph Vail whose recent wedding created such admiration in the high society circles of Virginia City.

### "The World Against Her."

Miss Kate Claxton is to appear at Music Hall, to-morrow evening, in a new role although the story of the drama is long familiar to the stage. A noble woman, truly in love with her husband, wrongly thinks him indifferent to her, and her belief is confirmed by one who formerly but unsuccessfully wooed her. In the end suspicion attaches to her, divorce follows, she leaves her child, and all her friends turn against her upon purely circumstantial evidence. Out of this familiar difficulty she emerges conventionally triumphant. Miss Claxton is a pathetic actress, as the public has long had good reason to know by reason of her impersonation of the blind girl in "The Two Orphans." She will be likely to keep the tears flowing with her different sorrows in "The World Against Her," and the change will be a relief. Her present company includes Arthur Forest and Charles A. Stevenson. Perhaps Kate Claxton is at present exceeded as a tear producer among actresses only by Clara Morris, who is preeminent in that respect.

### The Last Sad Rites.

The funeral of the late George M. Stiles will take place to-morrow according to the following arrangement:

At eleven o'clock a. m., the immediate family will take final leave of deceased at his late residence, No. 29 East Front street.

Afterwards friends will be permitted to view the remains in the office on the first floor, until one o'clock, when the casket will be finally closed, and be accompanied by the family and friends to the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian church, with members of the following orders, who are invited to attend the services: Masonic fraternity, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, American Legion of Honor, Grand Army Posts, and the Plainfield Saengerbund.

The funeral services will begin at half-past one o'clock.

Interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth.

### Beautiful Easter Cards.

"The largest and most beautiful variety I ever saw," is the remark made by those who examine the stock of Easter cards in the stores of THE PRESS' advertisers. Cards of various sizes and designs are displayed, at prices ranging from three cents to \$1.50. The handsomer ones are hand-painted on silk and satin, and there is no end to the variety of their designs. If one cannot be suited with the variety, he must be difficult to please indeed.

—"The Wages of Sin and the Gift of God;" Rom., VI, 23, will be the subject for the meeting this evening at half-past seven o'clock, at Cutter's Hall. All are welcome.

## Entertainment at Reform Hall.

An excellent programme was arranged for the entertainment at Reform Hall last evening, but owing to the blizzard which prevented some parties from being seen in time, and the heartrending death of ex-Sheriff Stiles which hindered others, the managers were compelled to abridge the exercises and omit the calisthenics and sleight-of-hand performances. In spite, however, of these omissions, a very fine concert was given and all were not only pleased, but delighted. The audience was simply immense, filling the auditorium, the galleries and the lobby, and crowding the doors three or four deep.

The first piece was given by the orchestra of eight pieces, led by Mr. Guttman, and was a very pretty Overture, suitable to the occasion. Then followed a sweet duet by Mrs. King and Miss Hawkins, succeeded with another piece by the orchestra. The quartette by the choir that came next, was that grand old piece: "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," and it was so finely rendered that the choir were compelled to repeat it. The duet by Mrs. King and Miss Hawkins, entitled: "In the Starlight," was particularly good, and reflected much credit on the singers. By request, Miss Smith repeated a brilliant piano piece that she played in the Trinity Reformed church some time ago, and it called forth such tremendous applause that she found no rest until she played another, which was also very fine. A solo and chorus rendered by Mr. A. Vanderbeek and the choir, and entitled: "The Green Mountain Yankee," was a temperance melody of a very amusing and interesting character. Freeholder Vanderbeek appeared in a Yankee hat, and with Yankee spectacles, and told of the virtues of cold water in a genuine Yankee manner, while the choir sustained him admirably. The laughter and applause was so long-continued that part of the piece was repeated. All of the six renderings by the orchestra were good, and the entire concert was pronounced a great success by the large assemblage. Another entertainment will be given in three weeks.

The following is the programme rendered:  
Overture.....Orchestra.  
Duet.....Mrs. King and Miss Hawkins.  
Orchestra.  
Quartette—"Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming.".....Choir.  
Orchestra.  
Duet—"In the Starlight.".....Mrs. King and Miss Hawkins.  
Orchestra.  
Piano Solo.....Miss Alice Smith.  
Orchestra.  
Solo and Chorus—"Green Mountain Yankee." (Mr. A. Vanderbeek and Choir).  
Orchestra.

## Mrs. Ellis at Warren Mission.

Last evening the fifth in the series of evangelistic meetings which are being held in Warren Mission Chapel, this week, was largely attended. The meeting opened with a service of song, after which Mrs. Ellis gave an eloquent and interesting address on "Pharisee and Publican." At the close of Mrs. Ellis' remarks, an invitation was given for those who desired prayer to come forward, and a large number responded. Prayer was offered in their behalf by Rev. W. D. Bridge and others.

The meeting was then thrown open for testimony, and many responded, some of whom have found Christ since the meetings have been in progress. The services closed with a prayer by Mrs. Ellis, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Bridge.

Several persons remained at the after meeting and received spiritual consolation. The meeting will begin this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

## The W. C. T. U. Week of Prayer.

The present is the week of prayer of the National, State and Local W. C. T. U's. Mrs. Francis E. Willard, President of the National Union, issued to her fellow members the following call to prayer:

BELOVED SISTERS:—We call every Union, and every woman in our heroic constituency to spend a week in united and special prayer, both private and public, for such a baptism of wisdom and courage upon ourselves, and such a putting forth of divine power as shall be felt in all this land. Reasons: The year upon us is one of struggle and of destiny. Within these months the temperance cause shall be in the very heart of a mighty contest.

Many of the ministers of this city will preach upon the subject of temperance, next Sunday, at the request of the W. C. T. U.

## A Work of Originality and Art.

The engrossing of the resolutions of appreciation passed by the Common Council upon excepting the resignation of Chief of Police Chas. W. Dodd, was fortunately entrusted to Mr. Wm. M. Smith, of Elm street, who is one of the most celebrated and admired of designers for engravers that the profession boasts of. The work as completed is undoubtedly one of the most original in design, graceful in outline, bright in color, and altogether artistically and gracefully treated in tone and variety, of anything of its kind. It should be handsomely framed and placed on exhibition here before being sent to Warden Dodd at Elizabeth.

## North Plainfield Township Committee Meeting.

The North Plainfield Township Committee met in Spencer's Hall on Somerset street, last evening, and organized for the ensuing year. The Committee consists of Messrs. Harrison Coddington, Rudolphus Fairchild and Abram P. Voorhees—the latter elected at the late election to succeed Mr. Amos Vail. The newly-elected town clerk, Mr. H. J. Martin, recorded the proceedings.

The committee organized by electing Mr. H. Coddington chairman, and Mr. R. Fairchild treasurer. Mr. Charles Reed, of the law firm of Clark & Reed, was elected township Counsel.

A communication was received from Dr. J. H. Carman, asking re-appointment as township physician. The communication was received and Dr. Carman was re-appointed.

The following officers were sworn in by the Clerk: Assessor, Isaac Brokaw; Commissioners of Appeals, Thomas Rutledge, Jacob Long, Randolph G. Silvers; Constables, J. W. A. Bauersachs, August Fierling, Job Coddington; Commissioners of Highways, George Conover, Michael Powers; Overseer of the Poor, Daniel I. Smalley. The latter presented his bond for \$500, with D. I. Smalley, W. L. Smalley and B. J. Brader as securities.

Each of the Constables presented their bond in the sum of \$500, with the following securities: J. W. A. Bauersachs—Messrs. Andrew Lutkins, L. M. Bird and J. W. A. Bauersachs; Job Coddington—Messrs. Harrison Coddington, George Conover, Job Coddington. All of the bonds were accepted.

Upon motion the chair appointed Mr. R. R. Fairchild a committee of one to confer with Mr. Spencer with reference to securing his hall for meeting purposes.

Collector H. N. Spencer did not present his bond as one of his bondsmen was unavoidably called out of town.

Communications were received from the various road districts, stating that road overseers had been elected.

Claims were presented as follows, and ordered paid when properly sworn to: J. A. Peebles, \$6; L. B. Woolston, \$6; H. J. Martin, \$6; A. V. King, \$6; S. Wakefield, \$6; P. M. Whiteley, \$6; H. B. Woodland, \$6; H. N. Spencer, \$10; W. L. Force & Bro., \$33; T. W. Morrison, \$26.50.

The following bills were presented for extra work on roads, such as shoveling out snow drifts: Road District No. 1, \$16.25; District No. 2, \$22.63; District No. 3, \$28.

The chairman stated that a six months' note for \$1,000 with interest, dated Sept. 7th, 1887, was now due, and upon motion the amount of the note and interest was ordered paid.

Adjournment was made to Tuesday next.

## The State of the Case.

The Superintendent of the City Schools has written the letter below in reply to the communication that raised the tempest in the Board of Education which was reported in THE PRESS of March 14.

PLAINFIELD, March 14, 1888.  
To the Editor of THE PRESS:—The communication in your paper of last week, signed "Inquirer," contains some misstatements which might have been avoided by a little inquiry before rushing into print.

It is true that we receive pay-pupils in the public schools. There are some people outside of our city who appreciate our schools so highly that they are willing to pay for their privileges. But we do not receive them in classes that are already full; and when new scholars entitled to membership come to the school, we dismiss pay pupils wherever it is necessary to make room for them. But where the class-room is not full we admit pay pupils, for they cost the city nothing, and they add something to our revenue.

Last year we received about \$700 from the fees of scholars, a sum sufficient to pay more than the salary of a teacher in most grades of our schools. So the taxpayers were benefited to that amount.

If people who wish light upon any matters pertaining to the schools will inquire of any member of the board of education, or of the principal, they will be furnished with all the information in our power.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. HURLBUT,  
Supt. of City Schools.

## Who Is He?

The Elizabeth Journal, in its issue of yesterday, says:

"Yesterday afternoon while a number of ladies were engaged in some mission work in one of the churches of the city, a tap was heard at the door. The call was answered by one of the number, and a seely looking fellow made inquiry for a lady who is well known for her efforts in behalf of the distressed and the needy. He was told that he was at the wrong place, and that the object of his search was probably at a church further down the street, where she is a regular attendant. He lost little time in going there, and returned with the information that she would not be there for an hour or two. In the meantime he stated his mission, which was to the effect that he had recently been discharged from the county jail, and was anxious to reach his home at Plainfield. He lacked the necessary amount, however, and solicited funds to assist him in purchasing a ticket. He was informed that charity was not being dispensed to strangers, and left at once, probably to raise the funds elsewhere."

## Another Victory for the "Thursday-Nights."

The fourth game in the tournament between the bowling clubs of Westfield and that of Fanwood, was rolled last evening in Gale's alleys at Westfield. The "Thursday-nights" again proved themselves invincible, and won by 95 pins.

Each club must bowl four games to complete the tournament, but already the "Thursdays" have a lead that cannot be overcome, with the struggle for second place still undecided between Fanwood and the "Mondays."

In last evening's game, Dorvall repeated his score of 176—the leading score of his club, made at the first game of the tournament—but it was equalled by Marsh. The biggest score of the contest, however, is 178, made by Stoddart of Fanwood.

Individual scores of last evening's game were:

THURSDAY-NIGHTS.	MONDAY-NIGHTS.
Stitt.....98	Ditts.....132
Worth.....134	Osborn.....118
Marsh.....176	Rich.....122
A. Pierson.....98	D. Pierson.....126
Hanford.....108	G. Young.....108
F. S. Miller.....144	Dallas.....108
H. Van Emburgh.....123	Echman.....108
Whitaker.....167	F. Van Emburgh.....110
Brunner.....100	Seoley.....129
Dorvall.....176	Moore.....145
Total.....1,321	Total.....1,226

The tournament now stands:

	WON.	LOST.
Westfield-Thursday-Nights.....	3	0
"Monday-Nights.....	1	2
Fanwoods.....	0	2

## Another Victim of Those Tongues.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE PRESS:—I understand that a report has been very industriously circulated to the effect that the scurrilous attack upon the memory of the late George M. Stiles, which appeared in Wednesday evening's *Telegram*, was sent to that paper by me. You will favor me by printing this denial. There is no reason to believe me guilty of such discourteous treatment of the memory of any man. My instincts are not those of a jackal.

My friends may not consider this statement necessary. I ask you to publish it to silence mischievous tongues.

I am the Plainfield correspondent of the *World*, *Sun*, *Herald*, *Times*, *Evening World*, *Philadelphia Press*, and the *Associated Press*. The stories I sent to those papers of the tragic death that has saddened our town, I am perfectly willing to submit for criticism and comment. The *Telegram* never has received or printed a line from me. A verification of this fact may be obtained from Mr. Charles Schermerhorn at the Western Union Telegraph office, who has my permission at all times to exhibit to the curious any story filed by me at any time for transmission to the newspapers.

Yours very sincerely,  
FRANK WILLIAMS RUNTON.  
Plainfield, March 23, 1888.

## How False News of This City is Circulated.

The *Somerset Gazette* says that "under a recent city ordinance" the license of Edward Thorn of Plainfield "is revoked." Many months ago we whispered to our Somerville contemporary—in connection with its glorification of "Detective Murphy"—that it was imbibing its information concerning the public affairs of this city, from a bottle of spitefulness and stupidity.

The *Gazette* has seemingly forgotten our kind admonition. Again it is led astray by the extreme and excessive ignorance of the Plainfield *Evening*.

We would once more remark—for the benefit of our Somerville contemporary in particular, and all the newspapers of the State in general—do as every intelligent person in Plainfield does.

Read THE PRESS.

## Fire Commissioner Livingston as Fish Commissioner.

Governor Green has sent to the Senate the names of Hon. Wm. Wright of Essex; Hon. Robert L. Livingston of Union, and Richard S. Jenkins of Camden, to be Fish Commissioners of the State. The former and latter are Republicans, and Mr. Livingston a Democrat. Therefore, there is no reason why the Legislature should not at once confirm these really good nominations. Both Messrs. Wright and Jenkins have served the past three years as Commissioners, and have done good work. Mr. Livingston is an ardent disciple of the great "Isaac W.," and would make a most efficient Commissioner.

## CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE DEAD.

[SPECIAL TO THE PRESS.]  
WASHINGTON, March 22.—Morrison R. Waite, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died very suddenly at six o'clock this morning from acute pneumonia.

He died without a moment's warning. In the presence of only a professional nurse.

—A grey horse, attached to a farm wagon, ran away on Liberty street, yesterday afternoon, and wrecked the wagon to a considerable extent.

## SUBURBAN SCHOOL MATTERS.

The Prosperity and Progress of the Scotch Plains School—Rare Tom Nicholl Elected Trustee.

It seems to be a decree of fate that public assemblies should always come off on bad nights. The town election was held in the midst of a blizzard, the road meeting on a similar occasion, and the school meeting on Tuesday night was no exception to the rule. Row boats and rafts were in great demand. Notwithstanding this a considerable number of citizens were on hand, and listened to much that was of interest to them. The Trustees' report showed an average attendance during the year of 130; average enrollment 158; whole number of children enrolled 186. The smallest attendance was 47; the number of books in the library reaches 278. We reprint a few of the suggestions embodied in the report:

"The school has been furnished with all necessary supplies except text-books, and the Trustees have also procured for the use of the classes studying physiology a set of anatomical charts. They have added twenty new books to the school library by means of moneys raised by the children, supplemented by other subscriptions and by the ten dollars contributed by the State for that purpose. They hope that enough money may also be contributed this year to secure the State contribution and so further extend the number of books."

"The children have been made as comfortable, physically, as the means at the disposal of the Trustees would admit, and the school has not been closed on account of the severity of the weather, or in consequence of contagious sickness, during the year. The last school census disclosed a large number of children who had just attained the school age, and when the school opened in September the Primary Department was found to be so crowded as to necessitate, a little later on, the transfer of a large number of children into the room occupied by the Advanced Primary Department, Miss Earle consenting to this material increase of her labors. During Fall and moderate weather three of the rooms are much too full, and the Trustees are forced to the conclusion that the number of children of school age in the district is now considerably in excess of the capacity of the school building. The desks when the rooms are full are all occupied; there is no space for extra desks, if any space is to be reserved for recitations; and the amount of cubic feet of air to each child is in their opinion less than is required by the laws of health. Should the next census show any considerable increase it may be necessary to give notice that only a certain number of children will be received when the school opens in September. The Trustees have been reluctant to expend a dollar more for repairs than was absolutely necessary for safety and comfort. The plaster ceilings were found to be in a threatening condition at the time of the Summer vacation and were patched up sufficiently to carry them through the year. Further attention will have to be paid to them when school closes, and more money spent upon them."

The Trustees also reported that the attendance of enrolled scholars had been above the average; called attention to the greater number of girls than boys at the school, and impressed upon parents the necessity of giving their boys the advantage of the common school system.

The report was listened to with much interest and accepted without dissent. The sum of eighteen hundred dollars was voted to maintain the school for the coming year. During the counting of the ballots an amusing incident occurred. It had been understood that Mr. Nicholl was to be mentioned for School Trustee, and a few voters got the two things mixed. Much merriment was caused by these ballots being cast at the wrong time. One economical taxpayer (?) voted for "No money." When his ballot was read cries of "oh! oh!" arose from all parts of the house. The other extreme was reached in a vote for twenty-four hundred dollars.

For School Trustee Mr. Robison nominated Mr. James H. Parks, but Mr. Parks asked to be allowed to decline another term. Dr. Oliver placed Mr. Thomas J. Nicholl in nomination, and he was elected without a division. Cries were heard of "speech, speech," but the newly-elected Trustee maintained a frigid silence until asked by Mr. Hall how he spelled his name, when he replied in sepulchral voice, "K-n-i-c-k-l-e." A meeting of the Trustees was held at the close of the public meeting.

On the way home, John Parse, the janitor, expressed himself very freely on the subject of smoking. "Why is it?" he said, "that a crowd of men can never get together without commencing to smoke?" Now the smoke that's in the school house won't get out of it for two days. It's a very bad practice. Mr. Parse is quite right, as he ought to be, for he has had plenty of experience in the old school house.

## SUBURBAN SAUNTERS.

—The roads throughout the county are in a horrible condition.



## WOMAN AND HER RIGHTS

### SESSION OF THE NEW YORK WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.

Session of Officers for the ensuing year.  
Mrs. Blake Made President—Some Resolutions Adopted.



MRS. BLAKE.

New York, March 22.—The nineteenth annual session of the New York Woman's Suffrage Association began here to-day in the Masonic Temple. A mingled odor of perfume filled the hall, and there was an impressive display of rich furs and jewelry.

Among those present were: Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, Mrs. Clara Neyman, Mrs. Margaret Moore, Miss Tillie Beckwith, Baroness Alexander, Gripenberg, of Finland; Mrs. Ashton Wentworth Dilke, of England; Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Mrs. W. Jennings Demorest, Mr. Dr. Jacoby, Mrs. Helen Cooke, Mrs. C. G. Rogers, Mrs. Jennie Croly, Mrs. W. F. Holcomb, and Miss Grace Johnston.

After the ladies had talked and kissed and exchanged greetings for about half an hour the convention went into secret session and the doors were closed to reporters.

Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake afterwards said that the work done in executive session was the reading of the minutes of the last convention and the election of the following named officers:

President, Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, of New York; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Mathilda Joselyn Gage, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Susan B. Anthony, of Rochester; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary Seymour Howe, Albany; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Charlotte F. Daly, of New York; Chairwoman of the Executive Committee, Miss Dora C. Goss, of New York; Mrs. Emily L. Wakeman, of New York.

The following resolutions were adopted: WHEREAS Every year that passes emphasizes more strongly the need of woman's influence in government, for the protection of the home and the maintenance of the best interests of the Republic; therefore

Resolved, That we again reiterate our belief that the ballot is woman's handmaid, and will be the best regulator of our politics.

WHEREAS Women are especially interested in all affairs of local government and are entitled to say who shall administer the offices which regulate the school, the sanitary and the police departments; therefore

Resolved, That we call upon the Legislature of the State at once to pass the Municipal Suffrage bill now pending.

Resolved, That we view with deep sympathy the struggle of the working woman of our State to secure a honorable self-support; that we denounce the cruel oppression to which they are subjected, and call upon them to unite with us in the demand for the political power which will alone do away with unjust discrimination against women in the matter of salaries.

WHEREAS The daily records of our Police Department indicate the necessity for the presence of suitable matrons at our police stations to care for the criminal and the unfortunate of our sex; therefore

Resolved, That we thank Senator Frank Hendricks for his introduction of a bill providing for the appointment of matrons in our large cities and trust that it will become a law.

Resolved, That we demand for the wives of our State some adequate legal protection in their share of the joint earnings of the marriage partnership, so that we may no longer see those citizens, who perform the noblest labor, that of rearing the children of the Republic, condemned to pass their lives in toil which has no acknowledged money value.

Resolved, That we demand the immediate repeal of the law now disgracing our statute books, by which the father has the sole right to dispose of the children during his life by deed, and after his death by will, and that hereafter the mother's claim to her offspring shall be legally equal to the father's.

Resolved, That our thanks are especially due to Hon. Henry J. Coggeshall in the Senate, and Hon. D. E. Arnsworth in the Assembly, for the earnest and able manner in which they are pushing the Municipal Woman Suffrage bill.

The reports read showed a marked increase in the membership and an enthusiasm for the cause all over the State. President Blake congratulated the members on the fact that the municipal suffrage bill giving women the right to vote at municipal election has reached the third reading in both houses of the Legislature. She said that she had advice from Albany that the bill was likely to pass next week.

## LAWLESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA.

### Disfranchisement Bill, March 22.—Serious trouble is expected in Nevada and Placer counties owing to destruction of blasting works and other mining machinery.

San Francisco, March 22.—Serious trouble is expected in Nevada and Placer counties owing to destruction of blasting works and other mining machinery by Cornish miners. The Cornishmen in Grass Valley strongly outnumber those of all other nationalities. Recently, State Senator Walworth, who owns several mines in the counties, employed some miners who did not belong to the union. Demand was made on him to discharge them, which he refused to do.

The ill-feeling of the miners was aggravated by a new rule which prevented large thefts of ore that had been made by the men working on shares, and the result was that systematic effort has been made to burn or blow up mining machinery. Last week a fire took place in the Empire Mine drying house and a large amount of volatile powder was blown up, killing several men. Repeated attempts were made to blow up water pipes and last week the main pipe that carries water to Champion Mine was broken by a dynamite bomb and every man in the lower levels would have been drowned, except for the lucky discovery of the break by the engineer, who turned off the water. So general has become the lawlessness that insurance companies yesterday withdrew policies of \$30,000 on several mines at Grass Valley and threaten to cancel all insurance there. An appeal will be made to the Governor to issue a proclamation for the punishment of those engaged in these outrages.

## RUNNING STAGES ON SUNDAY.

The New York Courts Do Not Decide that It is Common Law.

New York, March 22.—Judge Bookstaver of the Court of Common Pleas has rendered a decision refusing the application of Elliott F. Shepard for an injunction restraining the Fifth Avenue Transportation Company from running their stages on Sunday.

Mr. Shepard set up in his complaint that running stages on Sunday was performing common law. He is a stockholder in the company and that fact, he complained, compelled him to be identified with an "illegal, immoral and irreligious action." Respecting this latter, Judge Bookstaver suggests that Mr. Shepard may follow the biblical injunction: "Come out of here, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins," by selling his stock, if he does not wish to be further identified with the defendant's acts.

## Death of Prince Hassan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 22.—Hassan Pasha, son of Ismail Pasha, is dead. Prince Hassan was born in 1853, and during the latter part of his father's reign acted as Minister of War. Educated at the Woolwich Military Academy and subsequently at the University of Oxford, he was without exception the most civilized of his brothers. After leaving Oxford he spent several years in Berlin, where he acted as a saboteur officer of the Regiment of Fusilier Guards, in which, at the time of his death, he held the rank of Honorary Major.

## Cowhided by a Woman.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 22.—As Henry Wernsman was talking to Policeman Orr on the corner of Grand avenue and State street last night, Mrs. Ella Case approached him and asked to see him aside. Then the woman drew a rawhide and severely cut Wernsman about the face before the officer could interfere. Mrs. Case, when arrested, stated that Wernsman had circulated stories reflecting on her reputation.

## Counterfeit Five Dollar Bills.

CHICAGO, March 22.—A dangerous counterfeit of the five-dollar silver certificate is in extensive circulation in Chicago and one or more of the counterfeiters have been found among the depositors in nearly every savings bank in the city. Competent authorities say that fully \$50,000 of the "queer" is in circulation in the city. All the prominent counterfeiters in the country are at large except three.

## Intelligent Bulgaria.

SOFIA, March 22.—The Council of Ministers has decided not to reply to the Porte's despatch declaring Prince Ferdinand's position illegal. Munitions are being forwarded to the troops on the frontier. M. Natchevitz, Minister of Finance, in an interview, said the independence of Bulgaria. The country would remain loyal to Europe.

## Koumanian's Purpose.

SUCRAHAR, March 22.—In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday Prime Minister Bratko denied that the government desired to found a Roumanian-Bulgarian Empire. He also refuted the accusation that the country was being Germanized. Roumanian, he said, was developing her defensive resources in order to be in a position to safeguard her interests.

## Incorporating a New Railroad.

ALBANY, March 22.—One of the struggling bills that came into the Assembly was one incorporating Henry H. Carter, James Monroe, Arthur A. Smith and W. H. R. Dubois to maintain a railroad from White Plains to Danbury, with a possible capital of \$1,000,000.

## Allowing the Leasing of Forests.

ALBANY, March 22.—A bill allowing the leasing of State forest preserves to hunting clubs has passed the Assembly.

## Sporting Notes.

Byron McClelland has sold Gounod to J. V. Price.

Fitzpatrick will ride for J. D. Morrissey's stable this year.

A number of horsemen are bidding for Mambrine Sparkie, and if sold it is said she will be sent to Italy or Australia.

Six horses belonging to Pierre Lorillard are now being put in shape for the coming season's campaign at Monmouth.

Since the Brooklyn players separated last season three of them have joined the noble order of Benevols. They are Caruthers, Finckney and Smith.

Ham, in a private letter from Florida to a friend, says: "We can't complain; for we have done first rate—\$1.00 at Punta Gorda, \$3.00 at Palatka and \$5.00 at Lake Weir."

That promising Derby candidate, Autocrat, the colt that defeated Badge in Lexington last fall, has lately shown the bad habit of running off when at work. It is believed he will ruin his chances in the Kentucky Derby.

The trouble between Manager Watkins and Deacon White, which is the outcome of personal spite, has been settled, and the veteran ball player will again cover third base for the Detroit.

McCormick, the world's champion, covered five miles on skates in eighteen minutes and five and three-quarters seconds. Black, his opponent, was thirteen and a quarter seconds behind him. The match came off at St. John.

James Sheridan will be the starter at the Brooklyn Spring meeting. He will also officiate at the two meetings of the Washington Park, Chicago. J. F. Caldwell will do the starting at the West Side Park, Nashville, Tenn., at the Spring meeting.

## List of Advertisers' Letters.

Something in Plainfield Post Office for the week ending March 22, 1888.

Allen, Miss Mary  
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Callahan, Charles G.  
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Cowan, Elizabeth  
DeWitt, Mr. J.  
Fitzpatrick, Miss Susan  
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Torrence, David

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W. L. FORCE, Postmaster.

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NEW YORK MAILS.  
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Office closed after 10 A.M. on all National Holidays.  
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W. L. FORCE, Postmaster.

## DEATHS.

STILES—On March 22, 1888, George M. Stiles, in the 63d year of his age.  
The funeral will take place on Saturday, March 24. The arrangements for the funeral are as follows: At eleven o'clock a. m., the immediate family will take final leave of deceased at his late residence, No. 22 East Front street. Afterwards friends will be permitted to view the remains in the office on the first floor, until one o'clock, when the casket will be finally closed, and accompanied by the family and friends to the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church.  
Members of the following orders, are invited to attend the services:  
Masonic Fraternity, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, American Legion of Honor, Grand Army Posts, and the Plainfield Sarrapbund.  
All the members of the above orders are invited by the family of the deceased to attend the funeral in a body.  
The funeral services will begin at half-past one o'clock. Interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth.

## WANTS AND OFFERS.

Advertisements under this heading, one cent for each word, each insertion.

## 3 SHARES OF MUSIC HALL STOCK. Enquire at Press Office.

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TO LET—1-room house, No. 192 West Front street. Theodore Gray. 3-24-8

Two fresh Cows for sale. Apply to William Richardson, Martinville, N. J. 3-23-8

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WANTED—Cook and Laundress. Well recommended. Apply after 4, to Mrs. Yates, East 7th street. 3-17-8

FOR SALE OR TO LET—On Madison avenue, near 8th street, house of 11 rooms; all improvements. Large stable on premises. Apply to F. W. Rogers, owner, Force's Hotel, or address Box 513, city. 3-17-8

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TO LET—HOUSE CORNER SIXTH AND DIVISION STREETS, furnished or unfurnished; for boarding or private use; in good order; all improvements. Rent very low to responsible parties. Apply to Mrs. E. D. Eaton, Division street, between 5th and 6th. 12-4-8

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## PLAINFIELD LOTS.

Will be sold by Auction, THURSDAY, MARCH 23, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at East Estate Exchange, 63 and 65 Hillside St., N. Y., desirable plot—60x250—E. S. Hillside avenue, 150 feet south of Lake street. Fine shade trees, etc. 60 per cent can remain on Mortgage at 5 per cent.  
For Maps, etc., apply to the Auctioneer, 187 BROADWAY, N. Y. 3-23-8

## LEGAL NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Plainfield Gas Light Co. to elect directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the office of the Company, corner of Fourth and Washington streets, on Tuesday afternoon, April 3, 1888. The polls will be open from three to four o'clock.  
3-22-10 F. BRUNSON, Secretary.

## MUSIC HALL.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24.

## KATE CLAXTON,

and Chas. A. Stephenson, supported by Arthur H. Forrester and her own company, in the greatest melo-drama of the age—

"The World Against Her."

Seats on sale Thursday, March 22, at usual places. Prices—35, 50, 75 and \$1.00. 3-21-8

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## MUSIC HALL.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1888.

## BLIND TOM'S CONCERT.

Seats on sale at usual places, Friday, March 23. PRICES—25, 50 and 75 Cts.

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## DAMAGES BY HIGH WATER

### MANY DAMS ARE CARRIED AWAY IN NEW ENGLAND.

The West Shore Bridge Over Schoharie Creek Gone—A Catskill Village Inundated—Mills Compelled to Stop.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., March 23.—The freshest continue and the people living near the dams holding back the waters of Pontonic Lake fear a repetition of the terrible disaster at East Lee three years ago, and some are moving to the hillsides. The Boston and Albany Railroad is experiencing some trouble near Chatham, where the tracks are covered with water some distance, and also at Chester, where the bridges are badly strained.

WORCESTER, March 23.—The rain and thaw of yesterday softened the snow and ice on the car tracks so that the street railway has begun running again. The first horse car since Monday March 12 was run out of the horse car stables yesterday. So far as this city is concerned the heavy rain storm will result in but little if any damage. All the railroads are stopping and receiving trains on nearly schedule time.

Word comes from Millbury that the pillar of the Providence and Worcester station was flooded enough to extinguish the fires under the steam heater. The lockup had six feet of water in it, and it was necessary to transfer the prisoners to other quarters. The rubber works at Millville are stopped by the high water, and some of the houses were so badly flooded that the occupants actually swam out. At Wilkeson the Stone Manufacturing Company's Works are stopped. Drabble Tail Brook in Uxbridge, overflowed, and flooded the centre of the town. At New Worcester the high water has stopped Curtis & Marble's machine shop.

Worcester, R. L. March 23.—The cranberry meadow dam at Quickstream, one mile above East Blackstone, Mass., gave way Wednesday night, causing two washouts on the Worcester division of the New York and New England Railroad, besides carrying away other small dams and three highway bridges. The length of one of the washouts is 250 feet and the other 75 feet. It is estimated that the damage to the railroad and highways will be \$75,000.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn., March 23.—The Willimantic Lumber Company's second dam, just above the South Main street bridge, gave way at 9:45 yesterday morning, deluging the machine shop of mill No. 2, but no serious damage was done. The river is very high and rising. The Lumber Company's mills are all shut down in consequence.

PROVIDENCE, March 23.—The water in the Blackstone and apparently reached the highest point at noon yesterday. Nearly all the mills below South Blackstone are shut down. The greatest damage was at Lonsdale, where the water covered the lower floors in all but two mills. At Manville the Albion Mill is shut down. At Ashton the whole mill is idle, but no damage has been done. A Berkeley nut wheel is turning in the mills. At Valley Falls the water on the dam is seven feet deep, and slowly rising. Both mills of the Valley Falls Company are idle. At Central Falls there was a rise of three inches an hour during the night, and a number of establishments are flooded on the lower floors. At Pawtucket the water on the lower dam is only three feet below the high water mark of 1886. The Arnold Mills near Westerly, are shut down, some trouble is experienced at Hope Valley and Centerville. The Pawtuxet River is the highest since 1886, but no damage has yet resulted.

EASTON, March 23.—The Delaware River is sixteen feet above low water mark and the Lehigh River twelve feet. The flood has stopped all the mills at South Easton.

NEW BRUNSWICK, March 23.—The dam at Weston's Pond, which supplies this city's reservoirs, has again broken. It was a temporary affair, built to hasten the water, but a new dam could be erected to take the place of the one washed away a few weeks ago. The break is not a bad one, though all the water is out of the pond. It will be repaired in forty-eight hours. There are 14,000,000 gallons of water in the reservoirs and no danger of a water famine.

FORT HUNTER, N. Y., March 23.—The ice in the Schoharie Creek a short distance above Fort Hunter, broke up and rushed madly into the Mohawk. It carried away the large West Shore Railroad bridge which spanned the creek at Fort Hunter. One of the bridge rails struck Domenico Metello, one of the crew of a work train. He was taken to his home at Fort Jackson, and is in a precarious condition. Fort Hunter is filled with floating ice and completely inundated. The through West Shore trains are run over the New York Central road. The water is up to the Central's tracks at Alken. A railroad bridge at Catskill, crossing the same creek, was also carried away. The ice is nearly three feet thick and great fear is entertained for the Mohawk river bridge when a general break-up occurs.

ROUNDOUT, N. Y., March 23.—The melting snow from the mountains is swelling the small streams into torrents. Robinson's dam at Hopard has been carried away, but little other damage is done. At Beaverkill swamp the Ulster and Delaware Railroad tracks are covered with water two feet deep. Portions of ballast in some places are swept away. A portion of Breakneck village is inundated, and Catskill Creek is flowing through the village of Coxsack.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., March 23.—Spring floods are causing trouble along the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad. A large section of the track between Cook's Falls and Trout Brook has been washed out by a sudden rise of the Beaver Kill, which river the railroad follows for some distance. Other washouts occurred, until the open space measured about 25 feet. The road-bed was submerged to a depth of ten feet, and the track was covered with ice for a distance of three-quarters of a mile. Men work of repairing has been begun. Meanwhile passengers will be transferred. Gorges formed in the east branch of the Delaware River yesterday, and the bridge at East Branch was nearly carried away.

PORT JERVIS, March 23.—The large bridge over the Delaware River at Milford, Pa., was carried away last evening by ice. A heavy gorge had formed, and the water had backed over the bridge, and when the gorge broke it tore the bridge from the anchorage, and it floated down the stream. The water is very high, and much damage was done on the Pike County side south of Port Jervis.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 23.—The Connecticut River is rising perceptibly, and is about two feet above the low water mark. There has been no serious trouble on the railroads, and none is expected, as trains are running regularly. The coffee dam of the Dwight Mills, built to replace the dam that gave way a few weeks ago, has been carried away. Pears are felt for the safety of the dam at Chicopee Falls.

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## ALVA MILTON KERR.

Brief sketch of a Promising Young Western Writer—Based on the Facts. He wrote "Treaty" at Twelve—A Self-Made Man—His Last Novel, "Treaty," or the Mormon's Daughter, a Powerful Piece of Fiction.

[Special Chicago Correspondence.] Culture, talent, genius, ability of any kind, in fact, is not confined to any one section; and is no more to be hemmed in by such lines than is the pure air of Heaven to be circumscribed within the same narrow limits. East, West, North and South have each contributed great men and women, whose commanding powers of intellect have placed them among the foremost of the greatest and best minds of any day or age. Notably is this so in the fields of literature.

In every department of literary work, history, science, fiction, poetry, have American writers won for themselves immortal names and fame. And each succeeding generation brings forward new geniuses to take up the work of those gone before, or, striking out boldly for themselves, to achieve new successes by their own efforts in provinces peculiarly theirs, by right of discovery and conquest.

Among the galaxy of young Western writers whose works savor enough of genius to warrant the hope that they are destined to win deathless distinction in the world of letters, there is one who is just now attracting no little attention. Alva Milton Kerr is his name, and he first saw the light of day thirty-four years ago in the little town of Mt. Vernon, in the State which now disputes with Virginia the right to the title, "Mother of Presidents." While he was yet in infancy his parents emigrated to Southern Wisconsin and settled on a farm, which was yet to be formed from the woods. Scarcely had a beginning been made when the father died, and the widow with her children stuck to the cabin and the clearing, which year by year grew larger, until at last, where once was only primeval forest, stood broad fields and smiling across blossoming with the fruitage of well-directed skill and toil. Until he was ten years of age the subject of this sketch never saw a town of any size, nor had he enjoyed any but the most meager school advantages. He had, however, what amply atoned for all these drawbacks, a most excellent mother. She taught him the rudiments of an English education, and from his first efforts the boy seemed to imbibe knowledge with as much greed and delight as the parched earth absorbs the sweet rains from heaven. Language was music to his ears, and a choice bit of rhetoric was to him what an inspired passage from Beethoven would be to him who revels in the melodies of the old masters. While he was yet in his teens Mr. Kerr started out in the world for himself; he learned telegraphy and was soon in charge of a station on one of the leading railroads in Iowa.

Here, while performing the numerous duties of his calling, he found time to read and study. He also wrote much for his own gratification, but had not temerity enough to offer his productions for print.

Finally he sent a poem to the *Current*, which was then in the height of its popularity, under the able editorial management of John McGovern. This was so good that



ALVA MILTON KERR.

Mr. McGovern wrote a personal letter encouraging the young author to still further effort. Stimulated by such friendly recognition, Mr. Kerr wrote his first published short prose sketch, "Little Tim," which also appeared in the *Current*, and attracted much attention. This was followed by others, and in 1885 he produced his first serial, "In the Middle West," which was purchased and published by the A. N. Kellogg Newspaper Company.

In the early spring of 1887, his health failing, Mr. Kerr decided to go West. He had long had a desire to do the Mormon question in fiction, and now was his opportunity. A little correspondence with the Kellogg people disclosed the fact that they were willing to buy his story, provided it was acceptable, of course, and a price was agreed upon, which should warrant the author's making the long journey to Utah and covering a residence there of nearly a year while he was prosecuting his work.

Accordingly he went to the Territory, and with his characteristic energy set about his task, and in a little over six months he produced a story descriptive of social life among the Mormons, which deserves to rank, and doubtless will rank among the leading purely American novels of the age. The title of the work is "Treaty; or, the Mormon's Daughter." Treaty, of course, the heroine of the story. She is the daughter of a Mormon, one of the humblest and poorest of the followers of Smith and Young, and though reared under the care of the "Church of Zion," she naturally revolts at its teachings. A sturdy young New Englander, Paul Richard, manager of the silver mines near Treaty's home, wins her love, and with it, the hatred of the Bishop of that state, who has himself intended to wed the fair young Mormon of his flock.

The story, without entering into an extended synopsis, is rich in incident, the plot is strong and skillfully drawn and fully worked out in logical sequence with the narrative as a whole. It abounds also in a wealth of description, which adds much to the charm of the tale, while its strongly drawn and life-like characters, hold the reader's interest and attention from the opening to the closing chapter.

In closing this brief sketch, I suppose it is due Mr. Kerr to say that primarily he is a poet; his natural inclination prompting him to find expression for his thoughts through the muse. But it is also true, doubtless, that this poetic vein in his nature is an element of strength to him as a prose writer; giving to him, as it does, a wealth of imagination, of imagery, which when applied to descriptive work makes that so charming a feature of all his stories.

But whether or not Mr. Kerr ever achieves distinction as a poet, he has already endeared himself to thousands here in the West as a writer of pure and interesting prose fiction, and with his past achievements so well wrought out, he stands now at the threshold of what many of his admirers believe to be a still more brilliant and successful literary career. Ed. R. FRITZMAN.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

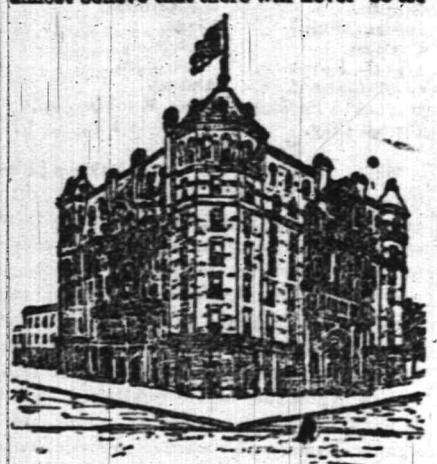
General Edward S. Bragg, Probable Minister to Mexico—Levi Morton's New Enterprise.

[Special Correspondence.] General Edward S. Bragg, of Wisconsin, whom the President is likely to appoint Minister to Mexico, is the lightest weight in the diplomatic service of the United States. He tips the scales at one hundred and two pounds, and never weighed one hundred and twenty in his life. He was born in New York, and will be sixty-one years of age the 20th of February. He went to Fond du Lac, Wis., early in the fifties, and has practiced law there ever since. General Bragg has been a fighter all his life—both in war and peace. During part of the war he commanded the famous Iron Brigade, of Wisconsin. That brigade was made up of the Second, Sixth and Seventh Wisconsin Regiments and the Nineteenth Indiana. It was raised by General Rufus King, a West Point graduate, who was the editor of the Milwaukee *Sentinel* at the time the war broke out. The men in the Iron Brigade were mainly farmers and choppers from the prairies and pine woods of the Badger State, and they made gallant fighters. At the battle of Gettysville they held their ground several hours against three times their own numbers, and at last forced backward Jackson's famous "Stonewall Brigade," which had never before been compelled to retreat. General McClellan gave it the name of the Iron Brigade for its valiant service at Antietam. No doubt much of the fame of that brigade is due to the shrewdness, readiness and pluck of General Bragg. The men had the utmost confidence in their commander, and he never failed them.

General Bragg was elected to the Forty-fifth Congress, and re-elected again and again until he was betrayed by his best friends, when his district turned in and elected a Republican. In Congress, Bragg has always been a notable man. He was as fearless in the House as he was in the army, and never failed to expose shame and stamp down fraud. As chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs he did excellent service, and it is said he is the only chairman of that committee who has ever been able to cope with General Drum in shaping the annual legislation for the army. In personal appearance Bragg is a notable man. During the past year he has lost the use of his left eye by paralysis, brought on by over-work at night. After some rest, he recovered his sight, but at once went to work again, and, it is feared, strained the eye beyond any possibility of recovery. He wears his white beard close-trimmed, which gives him a grim and ugly appearance, indicative of great courage and energy. Although he has had a lucrative law practice all his life, amounting in the past few years to an annual income of \$15,000, he is a poor man, having spent his money as rapidly as he earned it. His acceptance of the Mexican mission was given in the hope of securing full rest in the change of climate. I am getting too old, says General Bragg, to practice law, and I think it is about time for me to hunt up a good climate with a fat salary and no work. Washington is like the omnibus that always has room for one more. One can almost believe that there will never be too

many hotels or apartment buildings here. Mr. Levi P. Morton, of New York, formerly Minister to France, has the courage of his large fortune of four or five millions, and is building on one of the most central sites in this city what will be one of the largest apartment houses at the Capital. It is on the corner of Fifteenth and H, opposite Wm. H. Miller's Hotel, and a stone's throw from Weikert's. Mr. Morton has been two years in buying the ground he desired. The corner was occupied by one of the old-time Washington mansions for two or three seasons past had been rented by Senator Hale, of Maine. This fine old house has been torn down, as well as several others less famous and not so imposing. Mr. Morton tried to buy a new house recently erected by Dr. Hagner, at a cost of \$30,000, which would also have been torn down. The two men could not agree as to price, and so the Hagner house, which is one of the most attractive residences on H street, escaped.

Mr. Morton's new building will be the finest, as well as the largest, apartment house in the city. The plans, which have been made by a New York firm of architects, promise for the building every conceivable modern improvement. The aim is to provide a house which will be occupied mainly by Senators and Congressmen and men in public station. There are few such buildings in Washington now, among them being the Arno, where Congressman Felton, of California, and two or three other Pacific coast nabobs, each pay one hundred and fifty dollars a week for their rooms, and the Portland flats on Thomas circle, which are crowded clear to the eaves with high-priced tenants. Mr. Morton has not yet selected a name for his house, but what he calls it is manifest from the plans that it is destined to be one of the most famous buildings in Washington. The interior is to be finished in marble, decorated in fresco by foreign artists, and the two hundred rooms are arranged so that, by movable doors in the corridors, they can be divided into suites of any size.



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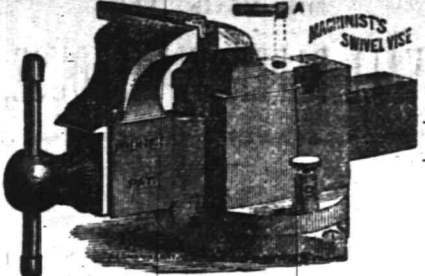
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