

David Warfield Is Accorded High Honor

Hailed as Leading Character Actor at American Dramatists' Club Dinner—Death Takes Famous Actress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(Special Correspondence.)—A notable dinner was given by the American Dramatists' Club to David Warfield at Delmonico's. There were 100 members of the club and a few guests present. The feeling shown concerning Warfield must have been gratifying to those who have watched him in his upward career, and many speakers upon this occasion referred to him as the leading character actor in America. At the head of the table was Bronson Howard, president of the organization. Mr. Warfield sat at his right and Robert Lorraine at his left. Others at the guests' table were George Ade, J. E. Hackett, Paul M. Potter, Evelyn Hopper, Nat C. Goodwin, David Belasco, F. Hopkinson Smith and Edward Milton Hoyle. After dinner Mr. Howard offered the annual toast, "The American Drama," to which Mr. Warfield responded. Again there was much sparkle—not only in the champagne. J. I. C. Clarke, vice-president of the club, offered a list of recent plays which he considered successful and complimented the authors, many of whom were present. The plays named were "Happyland," "The Prince Chap," "The Girl of the Golden West," "The Helix to the Hoop," "Leah Kleinsch," "The Snow Man," "Strongheart," "The Lion and the Mouse" and "The Music Master," which Warfield is still playing. His author, Charles Klein, was requested to make a speech, but he went over to Mr. Howard that he did not want to. He was then asked to stand up and show himself, which he did. Among the numerous speeches there was one too many, and this brought about a sharp encounter between David Belasco and W. A. Brady, whom Sidney Rosenfeld in a short speech described as "a cross between the Lord's Prayer and a coin song."

ONE of the most notable events that has occurred in New York in many months, perhaps in many years, was the celebration of Mark Twain's 70th birthday at Delmonico's, on Tuesday, December 5. Out of 170 guests assembled for the dinner, there were only about half a dozen who were not writers or illustrators. Colonel George Harvey, editor of the North American Review, was the host of the evening and the chairman. Not only men but women were present and these were not confined to residents of New York but some came from the Pacific Coast and some from Europe. Notwithstanding the honor of the great birthday there was no denying that he was visibly affected, and while the toasts were full of sparkle and of everything that could be expected from such an assemblage, the importance of the occasion was sensed about it all. The opening toast was proposed by William Dean Howells, and when Mr. Clemens responded the occasion he resolved was fairly beyond description. While Mr. Clemens threw the company into immediate laughter and held them so nearly all the time, there were many toasts to be made on the side along by him as also by his friends. In describing the event one might say it was a love feast rather than anything else. The guest of honor led the way to dinner escorted by Mrs. Mary E. Wilkins Freeman. Those who followed were the Princess Troubetzkoy (nee Amelie Rives)

ONE might have thought a soldier lay beneath the Stars and Stripes in the Church of All Saints on Monday morning when the remains of Mrs. Eldridge, familiarly known all over America as "Aunt Louisa," were placed in front of the altar. In the dead hand was clasped a medallion miniature of the picture known widely—"The Creation of the Star-Spangled Banner." This and the flag draped over her coffin were significant to those who knew that dear woman, as she loved the Stars and Stripes probably beyond anything else inanimate. "Aunt Louisa" was a famous actress, having made her debut with Joseph Jefferson at the age of 15, in her native city, Philadelphia. In the play of "Robert Macaire," she was the daughter of a prominent politician, William Harwood, but as her father was bitterly opposed to her, she was refused to permit her to use the family name. She then decided to take the name of Jefferson, but as there was already one young man in the company who bore that name, she chose Mortimer instead. She became a great favorite at P. T. Barnum's Museum, and during this engagement she met the elder Booth. With him she secured her first serious success. After a few years she married D. W. Eldridge, a wealthy shipping merchant of Philadelphia, and retired from the stage, but after five years she returned to the stage, and she moved back to New York in 1858, again playing in Barnum's Museum. Mrs. Eldridge may be classed with Mrs. Gilbert in the people's attitude toward her. She was a very different friend of Mrs. Gilbert, and a strange coincidence, if not a premonition, was voiced by her at the Woman's Professional League Fair just a year ago. She stated in a very interesting conversation with Mrs. Gilbert, and a strange coincidence, if not a premonition, was voiced by her at the Woman's Professional League Fair just a year ago. She stated in a very interesting conversation with Mrs. Gilbert, and a strange coincidence, if not a premonition, was voiced by her at the Woman's Professional League Fair just a year ago.

MOST interesting in the review received from London of Bernard Shaw's latest play, "Major Barbara," produced for the first time November 23. The production has a double interest, since the title role was enacted by Miss Annie Russell, whose husband, Oswald York, was also in the cast. We cannot always decide from a London criticism what the play would really amount to in America. However, London says that it is undramatic, too long-drawn-out, and that it ceases to be amusing after the second act. It is also suggested that it shows how the way of the rest of the world is being led by the fashion of the West. In a word, Shaw is a thinker and a writer in the purely intellectual class, possessing little of the dramatic tendencies and spirit. When "Major Barbara" arrives in New York, her doing will be almost fully.

Christmas Happenings at the National Capital

Mrs. Roosevelt Gives Aid to Gentlemen's Sale—Engagement of Alice Roosevelt Choice Morsel of Gossip.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(Special Correspondence of The Sunday Oregonian.)—Christmas is coming. Its spirit is already in the air, and might almost be said to have made the whole world kin, so cosmopolitan is the group of gift-binders one meets in the various parts. Epagans and Christians took to their hearts the effort to buy holiday presents for their little ones, and the lady of fashion meets those in the humbler walks of life, all bent on the same mission. With Christmas in popular interest are the church and charity sales, which seem to be on the increase as the days for buying decrease, and this week every woman with claims to a social position has divided her morning hours between shopping expeditions and assisting at sales for church or charity. As usual, it is the gentlemen's sale that has attracted the most sympathetic aid from the President's wife. To this she has sent flowers from the White House greenhouse, in addition to patronizing its supplies of fine needlework and daintily put-up fruits. A lunch served in connection with this sale by prominent maids and matrons has proved an attraction to their friends, and added materially to the coffers of needy gentlemen.

several times that amount in damages caused by his pet-tiger-at-whatever-cost determination. Among the invited guests of the week are General and Mrs. Fred Grant, who have been visiting Major and Mrs. Barr at the Washington Barracks. Their hours from time to time included those who, despite the gray of the General's hair, are familiar out of his beard, which remind him of his distinguished father, remember him as a boy at the White House, little older than his own son, who is now serving as aide to President Roosevelt. On Wednesday evening General and Mrs. Grant were dinner guests at the White House, and were there again on Friday to attend Mrs. Roosevelt's musicale, when a festive program was given by Miss Helen Hickey, soprano, and Thaddeus Rich, violinist. "Pierres mes Yeux".....Massenet "Fantaisie" (Faust).....Wielniawski "Tralala".....Chaminade "Good-By".....Tosti "Serenade".....Della "The Beaming Eyes".....McDowell "Carle Farnie".....Grig

The choice morsel discussed over the tennis is the announcement from the White House of the engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt to Representative Leonard Dyer, of Ohio. Of course, no one admits surprise, but just the same there are many who are "die-hard" to know that the petted daughter of this administration is to marry a native of her own land and not follow the example of her predecessor, Miss Nellie Grant, whose marriage to a foreigner during her father's second term of office as President was to him the saddest event of his official regime. According to the present expectation, wedding bells will ring in the Over-the-hill before the end of the year, and Miss Alice Roosevelt will step into a new life as the 11th bride to be married in the White House. Mrs. Cleveland, the only one to marry a President, was the last of the White House brides. Since her wedding, which was solemnized in the Blue Parlor, where all state ceremonies take place, the House has been remodelled, and completely changed, and is now generally recognized as the same building held sacred as the scene of many important and happy events. Indeed, the very walls that echoed with congratulations to the former brides have in most cases been replaced by new ones; the floors over which the bridal parties marched to the altar have been relaid; and the stairs down which they came have been cast into outer darkness, there to remain until the Daughters of the American Revolution have sufficient money on hand to complete their new home, Continental Hall, where the old White House stairway will have an honored place, in memory of the days that are no more. With everything so new, then, Miss Roosevelt will practically be the first bride of a new series. May the gods attend and bring her much happiness in the wish of the American people.

Virginia. The subject of the debate was "That the United States Government Should Exercise Control Over the Formation and Operation of All Corporations Incorporated in this Country." The West was represented in the war of words by Edward P. Gates, of the Sunflower state, who was on the affirmative side with the G. W. boys. The Justice of the Peace William Draper Lewis, Ph.D., LL.B., dean of the University of Pennsylvania Law School; Maurice Francis Egan, A.M., LL.D., poet and professor at the Catholic University; Honorable John Wesley Gaines, the presiding officer, announced the decision in favor of the local debaters, on a very close margin. As everybody knows, the University of Virginia was founded by Thomas Jefferson during his ex-President days. But that the institution from the hour of its opening to the present, has lived up to its "honorable system" for examinations is not so generally known. Another important feature in the government of affairs of this college is the fact it has never bestowed honorary degrees upon anyone however eminent. The President of the United States Senators, who are graduates of any college, declare in their biographical sketches in the Congressional Directory, they are graduates of the University of Virginia. It is equivalent to announcing that they earned their degree by faithful study and honest effort. Two years ago an act of Congress permitted the Columbian University of Washington to blossom forth as the George Washington University, and to enlarge its scope so as to more perfectly fulfill the object of General Washington when he willed and devised "certain lands and tenements for the use of a National University" in his name city by the Potomac. If Senator William F. Frye, of Maine, and President pro tempore of the United States Senate, has his way, this object will still further be magnified by a University of the United States, for post-graduate work, to be erected by Congress on the grounds of the Naval Observatory. Senator Frye's bill provides for a board of regents to consist of the President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the chief justices of the university and Messrs. George F. Edwards, Andrew D. White, John Dalzell, Simon Newcomb, J. R. Henderson, Hilary Herbert, Merrill E. Gates, Frank Nichols, John W. Hoyt, Robert C. Fulton, Richard Henry Jesse, Edwin J. James, W. O. Thompson, William F. Vilas, James B. Baker, Marshall Field and David Starr Jordan. FRANK PORTER HOPKINS.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—(Special Correspondence.)—The serious illness of Mrs. John C. Breckinridge in Paris has brought about a reconciliation between the young woman and her father, Samuel G. Murphy, the millionaire banker, of San Francisco. When his daughter two years ago, against his expressed wish, became the bride of young Breckinridge, Murphy said: "I had a daughter once; she is dead now." Nothing had been able to soften the heart of the stern parent until the cable this week brought news that his daughter was sick unto death in the French capital. Then it was that the banker with tears moistening his eyes said: "We had a misunderstanding once, but that is over now. I shall go to her." Adelaide Murphy was one of the prettiest young women in San Francisco society when young John Breckinridge, clubman and millionaire, won her heart. Breckinridge was generally considered a most desirable young man by mothers

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with eligible daughters, and great was the surprise therefore when it became known that Banker Murphy had refused to consent to the match. Then the usual thing happened. The young couple slipped away and were married, informing Miss Murphy's father after the knot had been tied. Though his whole life was centered in the welfare of his daughter, the enraged parent disowned her. He seemed to have gazed into the future when he opposed the match. The young couple went to Paris to live. Breckinridge, related as he is to the Lloyd Tevis and Sharon families, gained instant social recognition in the French capital. However, it had seemed to ding the footsteps of the couple. One night Breckinridge fell from the second-story window of the hotel at which they were residing. The result was a fracture of the spine. A few months later an action was begun in the courts of Paris by Mrs. Breckinridge for letters of divorce. Her husband, it seems he was suffering from some ill which ap-

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Good Words for Supt. Watson.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 23.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian's editorial is to the point in regard to Mr. Watson of the Mute School. I am sure you voice the sentiment of every honest man in the State of Washington when you raise your voice and use your pen in favor of Mr. Watson. It is simply a crime to remove him under present circumstances, and it will be a sorry day for the poor children who love him and Mrs. Watson dearly. I visit the schools occasionally, and am proud of them. I hope this crime will not be perpetrated. Governor Mead would have a hard time to convince any man in

Wins the Mellins Prize.


Officials of the Merchants' National Bank, of this city, are endeavoring to locate Frank Darnell, to whom they wish to deliver \$100. In a guessing contest at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, in which the Mellins Food Company offered the prize, Darnell won the money. He gave his address as "General Delivery, Portland," but all efforts of the company to locate him have thus far failed.

Brings Action for New Check.

A. J. White, an employe of the O. R. & N. Co., lost a pay check for \$55 drawn on the First National Bank in August last. He advertised the fact, but failed to recover the check. Yesterday he brought suit in the State Circuit Court against the O. R. & N. Co. asking that the check be re-established by the issuance of another one.

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Attorney makes denial. S. H. Gruber Says Judge Prevented Him From Talking to Witness.

S. H. Gruber, a Portland attorney, writes a letter to The Oregonian denying a recent article headed "Threat of a Lawyer: Tries to Intimidate Probation Officer." Mr. Gruber states that he had subpoenaed a young girl as a witness in a case in which her father was defendant. When the girl arrived in the Municipal Clerk's office, he desired to speak with the girl, but announced that he was willing to allow the Probation Officer, W. O. Nicely, to be present to hear the conversation. Mr. Gruber says that when this request was refused, his rights as an attorney were infringed upon and he informed the probation officer that he would report him. He says: "I contend that Judge Cameron had no right to prevent my talking with the witness beyond his hearing, and where the