AS TO CLOTHING.

THERE is an epitaph in a Vermont churchyard: *"I expected this but not so soon."* Such is the epitaph on clothing worn out in the wash-tub. Underclothing may be fragile, yet it ought not to wear out in ten weeks. But this isn't wear; it is decay. You buy 5 cents worth of cheap soap and you lose the equivalent of 50 cents in the wash-tub. Ivory Soap will not harm the most delicate fabric. Is it wise not to use it?

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WILL APPEAR AGAIN TONIGHT.

"At Valley Forge" to Be Reproduced by Request at Fishers' Opera House.

Fishers' was packed last night when the curtain went up on the first act of "At Valley Forge." The play was excellently rendered and the members of the company were accorded a warm reception. Miss E. Clark Gale, leading lady of the troupe, is not only a beauty, but an accomplished actress as well. She is supported by a first-class aggregation, and the play took with theater-goers. It depicts colonial life in a forcible manner and contains just enough of excitement to keep up interest.

"At Valley Forge" will be reproduced tonight, at the request of many who were unable to attend last night's performance. There were several counter attractions last night and Manager Mann decided to accede to the popular request. That the opera house will again be packed goes without saying and it behooves all to secure seats early this morning.

NOBLEMAN'S HUNT FOR GOLD.

French Count Whose Hopes Were Shattered by Gen. Alban's Death.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—After two years of labor under the hot sun in the miasmic streams of Panama, seeking for gold, then obtaining a valuable concession for pearl fishing in the bay of Panama, Count Serge de Morney, a young nobleman of France, has returned on the steamer Alliance from Colon and learned the news of the death of General Carlos Alban, on whose living the concession depended.

Unarmed, but nevertheless a soldier of fortune, the young count has cast lot with those inured to hardship and finer work, and during the two years spent in Columbia he has developed two gold mining camps. He considered his pearl fishing concession the coup of his life. On Tuesday of last week he received the final papers in the transaction from General Alban, and the only thing that remained was the acknowledgment by the governor of Bogota, which was a matter of form.

General Alban assured Count de Morney that he might proceed at once to the United States and the result would be cabled to him. "Now," said the count, "where I stand I do not know. The concession which is in operation for 15 years is worth not less than $100,000 a year and the death of Alban, who was the backbone of the government in the department of Panama, may result in an overthrow of the ruling powers in Bogota. I know that the matter has been forwarded to Bogota, but you can imagine I shall be fearful of the result until I hear of favorable action, and especially when the country is in a state of revolt."

THE STORY STRUCK HOME.

How a Newspaperman's Enterprie Met With Bad Luck.

There is nothing in the world like the profession of city editor to cultivate the imagination. To fill the columns they have to build up so much that it sometimes seems as if they really exaggerate a little.

"While city editor of a morning paper, several years ago," said a newspaper writer recently, "I had a curious experience. A death had occurred in my family, and my wife had decided to go into deep mourning. What made the matter a little awkward was that she had just procured her winter wardrobe and it chanced to be more elaborate than usual. To lay aside her colored robes and wraps for a year or more was to render them practically useless. As she pondered on the subject a bright idea suddenly came to her and she quickly framed this sentence, which she published as an advertisement:

"'Lady in mourning will sacrifice her newly purchased wardrobe.' Among others who responded was a daughter of one of my editorial associates, who purchased one of the robes and others were soon disposed of. The incident had almost passed from my memory when one day I found on my desk an article written by one of my staff, on the top page of which appeared a copy of the advertisement. Following this came a pathetic story of the 'distressed family,' with an agonizing account of the suffering and privations that led to the offering for sale of the garments. It was assumed by the writer that the 'mourning' idea was only a ruse to sell the articles, and he pictured the pangs of poverty that had prompted the scheme to keep the wolf from the door, and strong adjectives were used in depicting the helpless condition of the impoverished family.

"An effort had evidently been made by the reporter to locate the family, but it had not been successful, for in winding up what he called the 'story of a tragedy of social life' he said there was no clue to the identity of the family. 'A very pathetic story,' I remarked to the reporter. 'Yes,' he replied, 'and it's all true, and will make a sensation. But the family, though once wealthy, are now in the depths of poverty.' 'I admire the fertility of your mental resources,' I replied, 'but I should like to know who the lady is.' 'Can't you find out?' 'No,' he said, 'it's impossible.' 'No, it is not,' I replied; 'the family is mine, and the lady is my wife. It was purely a business transaction, and not a romance or tragedy in social life, as you call it. But let it pass. Get a full report of that sale of Kentucky mules tomorrow.' He gasped and withdrew."

BLACKLIST SUSTAINED BY SUPREME COURT

Employe Who Brought Suit for Damages Loses His Case Before Ohio Tribunal.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 24.—The syllabus of the supreme court's decision in the case of the Nickle Plate Company vs. Frank Shaffer, involving the "blacklist," sustains the railroad company.

Shaffer was discharged by the railroad company for participating in a strike. He claimed he could not secure employment on any other road because the company refused to give him a certificate of service, and he sued for damages. The judgment of the lower court in favor of Shaffer was reversed by the supreme court.

ROSSLAND STRIKE OFF.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Jan. 24.—The executive committee of the Miners' Union announced today that a satisfactory agreement had been reached with the management of the Le Roi mine, and that the strike was off at that property. The strike has been running since last July.

REV. HARRIS TO BE RELEASED.

PENDLETON, Jan. 24.—It was learned here today that Rev. Mr. Harris of the Episcopal church will be released, the case not coming to trial. It is understood the prosecuting attorney is convinced that the charge of criminal intimacy was trumped up against him by his enemies.

ALL QUIET IN COLOMBIA.

COLON, Jan. 24.—Latest advices from Buena Ventura and Bogota report that all is quiet in the interior of the republic. News has reached Panama that General Porras, one of the insurgent leaders, was wounded on board the Liberal steamer Padilla during the naval battle of Monday last in Panama bay.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 24.—The executive officers of the United Mine Workers of America were re-elected today wihtout a dissenting vote. They are: President, John Mitchell; vice-president, T. L. Lewis; secretary and treasurer, W. B. Wilson.

A Kansas clipping bureau working by order of Senator Hanna collected 12,000 editorial notes of the late President McKinley, and not one of them but praised his life and regretted his death.

A woman who has been leading the insurgents in one province of Luzon has been captured, but to do this required eight men.

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