

FOR IMPROVEMENT

McClure Improvement Club Holds Meeting Last Night.

WILL HAVE TIN CAN EXHIBIT

Club Decides to Collect Tin Cans and Other Relics of District's Condition and Place Them on Exhibition at Next Meeting.

At the next meeting of the McClure Improvement Club there will be an interesting exhibit of the products of the district—of the souvenirs of neglect for which the district is, unfortunately, noted. At the meeting of the club last evening it was decided to make the next gathering one of unusual interest, and the exhibits will be a feature. Every member of the club will offer in evidence some old can or other evidence of indifference, and the souvenirs will be displayed from a large board, the number of the lot and block on which each was found to be likewise displayed.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday night, March 13, at the Court House. The secretary has been instructed to invite the members of the Woman's Club, the members of the West End Improvement Club and the band of the West End to attend. A special program will be arranged and it is expected the meeting will be one of much interest. Every resident of the McClure district whose address can be obtained will be notified of the time of the meeting and urged to be present. The McClure club, although representative of the most populous district of the city, has shown the least speed in the matter of membership, and the enthusiasts who attend the meetings have become somewhat discouraged because of the failure of the people of the district to turn out. However, it has been decided to use every effort to arouse enthusiasm, and it is hoped that by the next meeting a large number of names will be added to the membership roll. The big meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock sharp. The exhibits will be installed during the afternoon.

LENTEN SERVICES.

Today is Ash Wednesday or the first day of Lent. The following services will be held in Grace church during this season of penitence and prayer. Cut out the list and keep it at hand. Friends are all welcome at any of these services:

Sundays.

Services 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Early Celebration, second and fourth Sundays, 8 a. m.
Junior Auxiliary, first Sunday, 4 p. m.

Week Days.

Wednesday and Friday, 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 4 p. m.

WILL NOT SIGN.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Employers of 6000 painters refused yesterday to sign a "closed shop" agreement presented by the Painters' Union. As a consequence the union men today will begin a canvass of the individual contractors and threaten to call strikes against firms which withhold their signatures. All agreements under which the union painters of the city have been working during the last year expire tonight. The situation therefore leaves an opportunity for radical action on the union's part if the employers persist in their announced intention to make a legal test of the "closed shop" phase of the labor problem.

MAY DEFER TRIP

Queen of Italy May Postpone Her Visit to America.

IS AFRAID OF ANARCHISTS

Queen Dowager, Margharita of Italy, Will Likely Put Off Her Proposed Automobile Trip to America—Anarchists Prepared.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The proposed visit of the queen dowager, Margharita of Italy, on an automobile trip to this country, announced some time ago and confirmed by recent cable messages, may possibly be deferred according to the Tribune today on account of certain anarchists meetings held recently in this and neighboring cities.

It was learned last night from a man who is in touch with diplomatic circles in this country and in Europe that as soon as the news of Queen Margharita's proposed visit was published, activity was noticed in anarchistic societies in Paterson, N. J., and Springfield, Ill.

Information regarding the meetings held by these anarchists has been communicated to the Italian consul in New York. So far as could be learned last night, the anarchists did not advocate any harsh measures against the queen dowager, but it was thought that a great quantity of offensive pamphlets might be scattered all over the country.

The only grievance against Queen Margharita that the anarchists could have is that she is the widow of King Humbert. A friend of the queen dowager said last night that she had never interfered with the government and that she was the best queen in Europe.

It may be said on authority that if the Queen Dowager should come to New York some of the best officers of the secret service of Italy will be sent here to assist the detectives in the pay of the Italian consulate of New York. The queen will come to New York in incognito if she comes this spring and her name on the passenger list will be Countess of Montecali.

Montecali is a royal castle near Turing, birthplace of the queen dowager.

PRESBYTERIANS ALARMED.

Statistics Show Church Has Decreased in Last 15 Years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Enthusiastic Presbyterians crowded Carnegie Hall last night in the interests of extending their church in this city by financial aid. Since April 1, 1903, \$127,369 has been disbursed among churches in the upper part of the city. John E. Parsons presided. The other speakers were Rev. Walter Laidlaw, Rev. Dr. George Alexander, Robert Mackenzie, Rev. Henry Sloan Coffin, Rev. Thos. W. Smith and Rev. W. Merle Smith.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Parsons said:

"We meet here as Christian men and women, as members of the great Presbyterian church. Here we are confronted with the fact that for the last fifteen years this great church has gone backward; and while fifteen years ago there were fifty-six churches, there are now only fifty-three. What are you going to do about it? Since 1850 the population of New York has increased from 515,000 to over 4,000,000. I find of these 2,600,000 are of foreign birth. We must put our impress on them."

The Rev. Dr. Laidlaw described the present and past condition of the church with the aid of charts.

The climax of the evening came when the Rev. Wilton Merle Smith started to speak. In plain words Dr. Smith said:

"We want your money. That is what we brought you here for. We want it to save this great and God-less city."

Pledge cards were passed out and the total collections in cash and pledges amounted to \$61,279.

Run Down and Nervous

Miss Doerr's Letter Tells How Vinol Helps People in This Condition.

By request the following letter is published in the hope that persons who are in poor condition will be convinced that Vinol is really what we claim.

Miss Anna Doerr, a prominent woman of Evansville, Ind., writes, "My health was broken, my appetite gone, my nerves shattered, and I was simply in a wretched condition. I had tried so many medicines and doctors without help that I was thoroughly discouraged. As a last resort I tried the cod liver oil preparation, Vinol, and to my surprise, it had none of the fishy, greasy or disagreeable taste of old-fashioned cod liver oil or emulsions, and it was delicious to take. In a remarkable short time it gave me a hearty appetite, built up my nervous system, and restored me to perfect health and strength."

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UPRISING GROWING

Boycott Greatly Increases Anti-Foreign Feeling.

FEDERAL TROOPS PREPARED

Agitators and Reform Leaders Are Encouraging Anti-Foreign Feeling—Outrages Committed in Amoy District.

MANILA, Feb. 27.—A leading American firm in this city has received the following cable from Canton:

"The boycott has greatly encouraged the anti foreign feeling. Teachers, reformers, agitators and the native newspapers now have the power of that association behind them, causing a remarkable growth in the reform party and secret societies, while the anti foreign, anti-dynastic Viceroy of Canton, by his autocratic ruling and his antagonistic attitude to the foreign consuls, encourages the masses of the people in their anti foreign feeling."

"In the prefect of Chang Chew near Amoy, recent outrages against foreign church procedure, approved by Pekin has strengthened the revolutionary forces who are now eager to try conclusions with the government."

"In the portion of China between the Yangtze valley and the Hongkong district a dangerous anti foreign feeling exists which is likely to break out at any moment."

The federal troops here are preparing against the pending outbreak.

TURFMAN DIES.

Colonel Walcott Dies in New York of Heart Disease.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Colonel A. F. Walcott, a civil war veteran and turfman, died last night at his home here from heart disease. He was born in Salem, Mass., 68 years ago and was a member of one of the oldest New England families.

Colonel Walcott made a tour of the world twice. He began breeding horses at Crab Orchard, Kentucky, in 1885. Previous to this he had been well known as a speculator, having made and lost several fortunes in Wall street. He was one of the biggest buyers at the sale of the Lorrillard stable and built extensive stables at Sheephead Bay. In 1887 Colonel Walcott lost heavily on the wheat corner and was forced to sacrifice his Monmouth Park stables.

Itch—Ringworm.

E. T. Lucas, Wingo, Ky., writes, April 25, 1902: "For 10 to 12 years I had been afflicted with a malady known as the 'itch.' The itching was most unbearable; I had tried for years to find relief, having tried all remedies I could hear of, besides a number of doctors. I wish to state that one single application of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me completely and permanently. Since then I have used the liniment on two separate occasions for ring worm and it cured completely. 25c, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by Hart's Drug Store."



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P. A. STOKES.

THE STORE THAT LEADS.

CHANGE THE NAME.

Exclusive Democratic Club to be Known as National Democratic Club.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Democratic club, build up as an exclusive local organization by Richard Croker and his friends while Mr. Croker was leader of Tammany Hall, is to be named the "Nationalizing" of the club has decided to report in favor of the change of name, and the committee at a special meeting on Monday night of next week, is expected to decide in favor of the change and so report to the club as a whole.

The sentiment of the majority of the members has been ascertained and the sub-committee feels warranted in making the change of name.

PATENT SPIRIT DENOUNCED.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—After a hearing lasting several weeks it has been decided in court that a patent still spirit made largely of maize must not be sold as Irish or Scotch whisky. Experts representing most of the great distilleries practically agreed that true Irish and Scotch whiskies are only made in a pot still, from malted barley. The doctors who testified denounced the spirit made of maize as not the "real thing," and as being harmful. The court took the same view and fined the defendants in the present cases \$500 each. The question is considered especially important to the whisky trade in view of the special American investigation of Irish and Scotch whiskies.

TENDER BIG BANQUET.

MANILA, Feb. 27.—At Jolo, the capital city of the Moros, a monster banquet will be tendered by the resident Americans and Filipinos to future Governor James F. Smith on the eve of his departure on a six months' vacation by way of Europe, all including the radicals uniting in the exhibition of a better understanding.

A Habit to be Encouraged.
The mother who has acquired the habit of keeping on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saves herself a great amount of uneasiness and anxiety. Coughs, colds and croup, to which children are susceptible are quickly cured by its use. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia, and if given as soon as the first symptoms of croup appear, it will prevent the attack. This remedy contains nothing injurious and mothers give it to little ones with a feeling of perfect security. Sold by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

General John C. Bates, who will be head of the general staff for one brief month, is the first bachelor in the history of the American army to attain this eminence.

Health

Means the ability to do a good day's work, without undue fatigue and to find life worth living. You cannot have indigestion or constipation without its upsetting the liver and polluting the blood. Such a condition may be best and quickest relieved by Herbine, the best liver regulator that the world has ever known. Mrs. D. W. Smith, writes, April, 9, '02: "I use Herbine, and find it the best medicine for constipation and regulating the liver I ever used." 50c. Sold by Hart's Drug Store.

Taken as directed, it becomes the greatest curative agent for the relief of suffering humanity ever devised. Such is Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Sold by Frank Hart.

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Onion Sets, lb..... .10
Matches, Firelight, dozen packages..... .45

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Commencing Monday Morning, Fresh Ranch Eggs, Per Dozen.....

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Eldredge High-Grade Sewing Machines

Values from \$35.00 to \$65.00; our price, \$23.00 to \$32.00.

Harden steel balls and bearings; beautiful designs.

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