

GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM

The Talk of the Hour in the Metropolis of the East.

(Journal Special Service.)

NEW YORK, May 31.—Tammany's recently elected Big Three and the future management of the organization are still the topics of greatest political interest in the metropolis. Although Charles F. Murphy is chairman of the triumvirate which has displaced the Finance Committee, Daniel F. McMahon is to have the lead of the Big Three leadership. To those who understand the inner workings of the Wigwam, Louis Haffen, who is the third member of the now famous trio, is the emptiest kind of a figurehead to lend a show of respectability to the two. That Murphy was not made absolute leader is due solely to the fact that there was dire need at this time to propitiate the rank and file of the organization and a good many of the leaders who represent them. Accordingly a pretense was made of selecting with Murphy a popular working district leader, McMahon, an equally thorough and favorite district head, and Haffen, who has talked loudly of respectability of late. The meeting days of the Big Three are Thursday and Friday of each week, when they consult nominally and issue commands, which properly emanate, it is said from Wantage across the water.

BEEF PRICES RISING.

New York is feeling the effects of the increase in prices of the Beef Trust and the coal strike far more than it is generally thought. Nearly all the leading hotels have raised the price of meals because of the greater cost of beef, poultry and other necessities of the dinner table. Returns of the clubs have been likewise and smaller establishments to whom an increase of price would mean a decrease of guests. The city is entirely a city ordinance prohibits the use of soft coal, but from present appearances this will soon be a dead letter. The anthracite has already advanced the price of hard coal one dollar a ton, and unless the strike is soon broken, owing to the short supply, it is only a question of a short time when the use of soft coal will be necessary.

LOOKS TO MORGAN.

Business men are asking themselves and others what will be the effect of Mr. Morgan's great steamship combine on the commerce of this city. Generally the answer is that it is quite possible, if the city pursues a liberal policy toward the trust, the consolidation will be the salvation of the export trade of the port, which has been declining during the past few years. Plans for many new piers have been drawn for both the East and West side water fronts. New York needs nothing so badly as it does new terminal

facilities and if it is to profit in any way by the American control of foreign steamship lines, it must provide these needed facilities.

DISSATISFIED WITH LOW.

Despite the fact that New Yorkers generally were delighted at the overthrow of Tammany Hall last fall, they have found much to criticize in the present administration's rulings. "Dr. Parkhurst just before he sailed to Europe referred to Mr. Low as 'an angel with nervous prostration,' and now that smoking has been prohibited in the City Hall, it is alleged by some that this is the greatest reform that has been instituted by the present Administration.

ODELL HAS A CINCH.

Although no final word has been spoken, it now appears that Governor Odell's re-election will be a certainty. Two things operate in favor of his re-election: one is that the friction occasioned by some act of the legislature seems to have worn off the other, the uncertainty of affairs in Tammany Hall, but if Governor Odell decides to accept a renomination, he must decline an offer in the world of railroads and finance that entails a salary which report names as \$100,000 a year.

MUSICIANS EXCITED.

A sensation has been raised in musical circles over the action of Dock Commissioner Hawkes in selecting only those bands to play at the city recreation piers this summer which will furnish high class and classic music. Commissioner Hawkes has in view the musical education of the masses and the tabooing of "rag time" music will be appreciated by many of the frequenters of the piers who in these remote countries were accustomed to hear the best music played in the streets and parks, and thus have their ears attuned to the grand harmonies.

WELCOME BUFFALO BILL.

In the coming week to New York for another week to make up for the inadequacy of the early spring engagement, Buffalo Bill and his Wild West Show afforded New Yorkers the last opportunity to see the great attraction for two years, for in the near future the Wild West goes to Europe for an extended engagement.

BIG AUTO PRICES.

Now that the speed of automobiles has been limited by law, there is a race between owners or prospective owners of motor carriages to see who can pay the biggest price for machines. Fabulous sums have been laid out for some of the awkward affairs that puff along the fashionable boulevards in and about New

York city, and one now under construction for Mr. Charles M. Schwab will cover a mile in forty seconds. Although not of the horseless variety, one of the handsomest turnouts of the season will grace the stables of the country place of ex-Police Chief Devery. "Touching on and pertaining to the price," of this equipage, the victor is said to have cost two thousand dollars and the horses almost as much more. All of which is remarkable when the salary of the ex-chief for his many years of service amounted to less than twenty-five thousand dollars.

AT THE THEATRES.

The phenomenally successful run of "The Sleeping Beauty" and "The Beast" closes at the Broadway Theatre tonight. "A Modern Magdalen" at the Bijou, with Miss Amelia Bingham, and "Du Barry" with Mrs. Leslie Carter, at the Criterion, will also close this evening, so that June will usher in without a single serious play in town.

K. G. M.

LEAVES STAGE FOR ALTAR

Never to Tread the Naughty Boards Again.

(Journal Special Service.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 31.—When Miss Finesse Lynch, a young actress, concludes her performance at the Broad Street Theatre tonight it will be her last as the foot lights forever. After action in fulfillment of a promise made to her sweetheart, Lieutenant Demetrius, U. S. N., whom she is to wed next Monday, the marriage ceremony will be performed by Bishop Coleman in Wilmington, Delaware.

HA! HA! HA!

(Journal Special Service.)

NEW YORK, May 31.—Cornelius Vanderbilt, millionaire, had planned to sail for Europe today, but Lieutenant Cornelius Vanderbilt of the Twelfth Regiment, imbued with a sense of duty, determined not to allow pleasure to interfere with his military work. So the passage for Europe was canceled and Lieutenant Vanderbilt proceeded with his regiment today for a week's tour. This is the Lieutenant's first camp tour as a military man, and will include three days of drills in the permanent camp on the plateau at Roa Hook, and three days on a march out to Lake Mohogan and return.

FRENCH IN BEAN TOWN

Will Embark From There for Their Native Land.

(Journal Special Service.)

BOSTON, Mass., May 31.—The French delegates to America to attend the Robespierre monument dedication were entertained in Boston today. The visitors arrived from Newport last evening and spent the night at the Hotel Somerset. During the forenoon visits were exchanged with Governor Crane and Mayor Collins and there was a review of the High School Cadets in front of the City Hall. This afternoon the delegation paid a visit to Harvard University and was received by President Eliot. A banquet at the Somerset this evening brings the sojourn in Boston to a close. The Gauls have arrived in Boston harbor and the delegates will embark from this city for their homeward trip.

IN "OLE ALABAM"

(Journal Special Service.)

TUSCALOOSA, Ala., May 31.—Arrangements have been completed for commencement exercises at the University of Alabama. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached tomorrow by Rev. A. J. Battle, of Annapolis. On Monday Hon. M. Robinson, of Mobile, will deliver the address before the literary societies. Hon. J. Thomas Heflin will deliver the address before the Alumni Society, Tuesday, and the following day the commencement address will be delivered by President Montague, of Furman University.

CLUB FEED

(Journal Special Service.)

DETROIT, Mich., May 31.—Final preparations have been completed for the annual banquet of the Michigan Club at Cadillac tonight. The list of speakers embraces many prominent men, including Congressman James E. Watson of Indiana, Congressman W. R. Taylor of Ohio, Governor Bliss and Hon. Justus S. Stearns.

A GREAT RUN

(Journal Special Service.)

NEW YORK, May 31.—When the curtain falls at the Criterion Theatre to-

night it will mark the close of what has been perhaps the most successful engagement financially in the theatrical history of New York. Since early last fall, when "Du Barry" made her bow to a New York audience, the theatre has been crowded at every performance, while seats could be obtained only 2 months in advance unless the purchaser was willing to pay exorbitant prices asked by ticket speculators. Despite the fact that interest in the piece has not abated a whit, Mrs. Leslie Carter is afraid that acting in warm weather may injure her health, and consequently has decided to end the wonderful run tonight. Mrs. Carter will rest until September, reviving the drama at the Republic Theatre when David Belasco assumes the management of that house.

KISSER'S NEW JOB

(Journal Special Service.)

NEW YORK, May 31.—Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson is here ready to begin his new duties as superintending constructor in the ship yard of Lewis Nixon, at Elizabethport. He will enter on his work next week, succeeding Lieutenant Spear. He will superintend the construction of the four government vessels now building at the Nixon yards. These include one submarine boat, two torpedo boats, the cruiser Chattanooga and the monitor Florida.

MANY ATHLETES IN COMPETITION

(Journal Special Service.)

CHICAGO, Ill., May 31.—It is a difficult matter to pick winners in the big Western intercollegiate athletic meet at Marshall Field this afternoon. Keene Fitzpatrick of the University of Michigan expects to carry off the honors, but both coaches, Stagg of Chicago, and Kilpatrick of Wisconsin appear confident of giving the Wolverines a hard tussle for first place. Notre Dame, Iowa and the other institutions entered are not without hope of capturing the meet and as all have entered their very strongest men the meet promises to be a record-breaker. The programme is one of the longest ever prepared for a Western meet, comprising fourteen events.

Do You Favor the Charter?

There is but little doubt, judging from the sentiment around town that the proposed charter prepared by the charter commission will be adopted next Monday at the polls. Not all people have read it, yet many seem in favor of it. The charter was drafted, section by section, by public meetings. Both the Democratic and Republican candidates for the Legislature have been pledged by their respective parties to vote for the proposed charter, if it is adopted, at the polls.

NEW COUNCIL ROYAL ARCANUM

Last night at Auditorium Hall a new council of the Royal Arcanum was organized. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather a number of the members of Oregon and Multnomah councils were present to welcome the newcomers and to aid in instructing them in the mysteries of the order.

After the ceremonies of initiation, organization, election and installing of the officers of the new council, refreshments were served to all present and the last half hour of a pleasant evening was devoted to hand-shaking and congratulations. The name Williamette was selected by the new council, and it will hereafter be so called. Williamette is to be congratulated upon its splendid membership, which is composed entirely of young men of excellent business, moral and social standing. They are all between the ages of 21 and 30 years of age, giving to Williamette the distinction of having the youngest membership of any council on the Pacific Coast.

HAVE AN EYE FOR BUSINESS

(Journal Special Service.)

LONDON, May 31.—By order of the Colonial Office, a commission of engineers, experts in textiles, etc., sailed for South Africa today to investigate and report immediately on the requirements of that country under the new conditions, and the prospects for the extension of British trade. The prompt action of the Colonial Office is believed to be the result of information recently received regarding the activity of American firms, chiefly engineering, electrical and mining concerns, who are preparing to dispatch heavy shipments to South Africa as soon as the cessation of hostilities is assured.

PICKING UP

(Journal Special Service.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 31.—A semi-annual dividend of three per cent was distributed today among the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad. This is the largest dividend paid by the company since 1882, the previous semi-annual dividends averaging to more than two and one-half per cent. The dividend is paid upon a capital stock of \$204,374,850.

CHAMBERLAIN RALLY

Hon. George E. Chamberlain and Hon. W. F. Butcher will speak at the Taft-nacle, Twelfth and Morrison streets, on Saturday at 8 p. m.

A LONG WAR IS THREATENED

Bloody Times Coming Soon in Chinatown.

The police would not be surprised at any moment to be called upon to quell a riot in Chinatown.

The different tongs are greatly stirred up over the recent murder of one Chinaman, and the shooting of another, a short time previously.

It is said that as soon as the injured man leaves the hospital he will be met by another assassin, who will see that he never lives to testify against the first would-be murderer.

It is also claimed that the Lee Company is pretty well satisfied as to who murdered the old opium vendor, and that it will soon inaugurate a war on all the murderer's kinsmen, wherever and whenever they can be found.

MYTTIC SHRINERS COMING WEST

(Journal Special Service.)

NEW YORK, May 31.—One thousand fez-bedecked members of the Mecca Temple, Mytic Shrine, left New York today on a pilgrimage across the continent to San Francisco where the national meeting of the order is to open ten days hence. It is the largest pilgrimage of its kind ever made out of New York. The trip is made in a special train of nine cars. Stops will be made at all the prominent cities and towns en route, at all of which the party will be royally entertained.

BRIGHAM'S WIDOWS

(Journal Special Service.)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 30.—Tomorrow will be the 101st anniversary of the birth of Brigham Young and arrangements have been made for the customary observance of the day. During the day a reunion will be held at Saltair and interesting exercises carried out. It is expected that the gathering will be attended by six or eight of his widows and a dozen sons and daughters and their families.

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