

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

1783—Congress met in Annapolis Nov. 20. 1788—Exclusive authority of the Irish parliament in local matters admitted. 1784—Congress met in Trenton Nov. 30. 1785—Congress met in New York Jan. 11. The sessions were held there until 1790. 1789—Meeting of the states general at Versailles—308 ecclesiastics, 285 nobles, 621 deputies. 1789—French deputies declared themselves to be the government; national assembly. 1789—The first federal American congress under the constitution held in New York. 1790—Philadelphia was made the capital for 10 years, and congressional sessions were held there. 1790—The national assembly of France declared the government a limited monarchy. 1790—The United States constitution ratified by all the original states. 1791—The first bank of the United States established by act of congress. 1792—National convention of France constituted; 871 members. 1792—French national convention proclaimed a republic. 1793—The alien and sedition laws passed by congress during trouble with France. 1793—Council of five hundred deposed by Bonaparte and representative government ended. 1793—A French senate created "to watch over the administration of the laws." 1800—Washington was made the capital, and the first session of congress in that city was held. 1800—Last Irish parliament met; bill for union passed. 1801—Clergymen prohibited from becoming members of parliament. 1801—First parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

STAGE GLINTS.

Fred Solomon is going to join Pauline Hall's company as comedian. Gus Bothner will revive "A Bunch of Keys" next season on an elaborate scale. Harrison J. Wolf has taken the place of W. R. Hatch as leading man of the "Piece of Steel" company. "A Wild Duck" is the title of James M. Gaites' new farce comedy. Mr. Gaites is coauthor of "A Railroad Ticket." Belle Archer's new play is entitled "On Both Sides," and she will shortly give it a trial performance at Bayonne, N. J. Mabel Amber has been engaged as leading lady of the stock company organized for the new Lyceum theater at Denver. Billy Emerson has secured the Standard theater in San Francisco and will run it as a minstrel house during the Midwinter fair. Paderewski will return to this country next November under the management of C. F. Tretbar and will begin his season in San Francisco. T. D. Frawley has been specially engaged to play his old part of Lieutenant Schuyler in "The Senator" with W. H. Crane at the Star theater, New York. "Ivanhoe" will be presented in Berlin, and it is expected that Sir Arthur Sullivan, who has revised his score, will go to the Prussian capital to superintend the final rehearsals. A new contract was made with A. M. Palmer last week by Charles Frohman whereby John Drew's engagement at Palmer's theater, New York, is extended to the end of the season.

RAILROAD TIES.

The Chicago and Alton has abolished the office of trainmaster on the Alton and St. Louis division. J. A. Conant is the newly appointed superintendent of car service of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern. A new railroad is to be operated between Long Beach and Manahawkin, N. J., by the Long Beach Transportation company. Peter Fowler, who has held the position of general foreman of the Lake Shore shops at Buffalo, has been elevated to the position of master mechanic of the Pittsburgh division. The officers of the Union Pacific have arranged to make the final limit of the California Midwinter fair round trip tickets July 15 instead of, as formerly announced, April 30. The chief detective of the New York Central, in his annual report, states that for the year 1893 he, with his assistants, made 188 arrests. One hundred and twenty-three were convicted. Those arrested were tramps and persons who stole rides and stoned trains.

FIGS AND THISTLES.

The man who hates light is always afraid of his own shadow. It won't do any good to paint the pump if there is poison in the water. Good fortune sometimes comes to see us in a very shabby looking carriage. It would puzzle an onion to understand what there is about a rose that people like. Angels weep on the day that a young man begins to spend more money than he can make. As a drop of ink destroys a letter, so one bad act may ruin a character it took years to build. There are people who never hear any music that suits them except when they are playing first fiddle. One of the first covenants that every young man ought to make with himself is that he will never run in debt.—Bass's Horn.

Worked Overtime.

"Appropos of hard times," said a drummer recently returned from a western pilgrimage, "would you believe that workmen could order a strike in times like these?" "No, indeed," replied his employer. "Why, thousands of men are idle. These fellows never know when they are well off. Where was the strike?" "Oh, out in Indiana in a vinegar factory," replied the drummer. "The men quit because they said the cider was working more than eight hours a day."—New York Herald.

No Comparison.



Nervous Man—My, this is awful, isn't it? Oldest Inhabitant—Huh! Nuthin to what we uster have when I was a boy.—Brooklyn Life. What She Said. Clara—Oh, I am so glad to see you! I have some news. Mand—What can it be? Clara (blushing)—Can't you guess? Mand (enthusiastically)—Oh, I know. It's a proposal. Clara—Yes. But you don't know who it's from. Mand—Let me see. Why, it must be from— Clara—Charles Haskins. Mand (hiding her surprise)—Oh, yes, of course. What did he say, dear? Clara—Oh, he was so nice! He began by declaring that he had always thought of me. Mand—Oh, yes. Ever since he met you that time at the seashore. Clara—Exactly. And then— Mand—Then he was sitting in the chair, wasn't he? He moved over to the sofa, and took your hand in both of his, and told you how he had gradually learned to love you, and remarked incidentally that he thought that kind of love was the most lasting. Clara—Why, so he did! Mand—Then he was silent for a time and finally said you must excuse him, but he was so overcome by his emotions. Then his arm slipped around your waist, and he said you were the only girl in all the world he had ever cared for in his whole life, adding that he could not live without you. No, no; that would be impossible. And would you not say just the one little word that would make him, oh, so happy? Clara—Well, I don't see how you knew, but it was something like that. Mand—And what was your answer? Clara (beaming)—Why, dear, what would you have said? Mand—I said, "No."—Harper's Bazar.

Unmindful of Himself.

A certain wealthy young clubman is just now telling, without mentioning any names, his last narrow escape from matrimonial toils. At a country house visited by him recently were several interesting and accomplished young ladies, among whom he divided his attentions about equally, although one of them was continually thrust forward by the designing mother. Just as he was about to take his departure the latter proceeded to consult him upon a matter which she alleged was causing her no little distress. "It is reported," said she, "that you are to marry my daughter Louise. All the neighbors are talking about it. What shall we do? What shall we tell them?" "Oh," responded the considerate young gentleman, "just say she refused me. I've been so unfortunate in my love affairs, you know, that the report of one more disappointment won't hurt me, and you'll be spared all further annoyance."—New Haven Palladium.

No Change.

James Francis Oswald, a new queen's counsel, was the junior who, on being told by Justice Kay that "although he could teach him law he could not teach him manners," quietly remarked, "That is so, my lud." An encounter with Justice Chitty was hardly so successful. He had been addressing the court at great length in a bill of sale case and at last said, "And now, my lud, I address myself to the furniture." "You have been doing that for some time past," said Justice Chitty.—Argonaut.

All Out.

"Smithers is discouraged about his love affair." "What's happened?" "He was in the act of proposing last night when the girl's mother and father came in." "What did Smithers do?" "Stopped short, of course." "What did the girl do?" "She said, 'What were you saying, Mr. Smithers?'"—Life.

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Two Safe Professions.

A writer of verse not wholly unknown to fame rejoices in the possession of a charming little country place not many miles from the metropolis, the lawns of which are carefully looked after by a clever young Irishman. It so happened that during the business depression of last summer the young Irishman's brother was thrown out of employment by the shutting down of the mills which were the chief industry of the town, and John, the poet's gardener, was very much overcome at the prospect of having to support his fraternal relative through the winter. His employer had frequently asked after the brother's health and encouraged his gardener to confide his woes in him, believing that sympathy begets good service, and recently John said, in response to one of these inquiries: "He's still out uv wurruk, sorr. That's th' trouble wiv wurruk in mills. O' wuz tellin Patsy lasht night he'd better get into some other thrade—like yures or moine, sorr." "Like yours or mine, eh?" said the poet. "Yis, sorr, for, as O' said to him, sorr, no matter how dull business gets, there's jest as many weeds to be pulled an' ponies to be writ."—Harper's Magazine.

Meeting an Objection.

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