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Hamilton's Grounds to Be Sold.

From the New York Herald. One of the most peculiar signs of New York's rapid growth in the present era of its existence is the callous manner in which the most historic landmarks of Manhattan Island are being swept out of existence by the onward march of active metropolitan life and industry.

A cold and business-like announcement has been made within the past few days in the Herald by L. J. & I. Phillips that they will, on October 25 next, sell at auction the property known as Hamilton Grange, which lies along St. Nicholas and Tenth avenues, and between 140th and 145th streets.

The bare announcement means nothing less than that the mansion and surrounding grounds, one hundred and seventy-five city lots, forming part of a tract bought nearly a century ago by Alexander Hamilton, and occupied and improved by him, are to be sold under the hammer in accordance with the dictates of the present owner, Mr. William H. De Forest. A silk merchant, who secured this tract some years ago.

Of all the historic plots that have made some nooks and corners on Manhattan Island famous, probably none was selected with more care and circumspection as to topography, immediate surroundings and future prospects than this identical Hamilton Grange, so christened by the original purchaser, Washington's bosom friend, Alexander Hamilton.

This statesman of the old time selected the twenty odd acres of land because there a grand view of the Hudson, to the westward, could be had even then. To the south was the small city, miles away; and in the southeast the Long Island hills clearly marked the horizon. A post road to Boston covered one of the corners of the estate, and there was also a stopping place for the stages that carried the mails to New England. Roger Morris' residence was in sight from this elevation; so was the residence of Gen. Gates, the captor of Burgoyne, on the Rose Hill Farm, to the eastward.

When, in 1802, Alexander Hamilton erected the mansion, so well known for its classic style of architecture, he planted near that mansion thirteen trees with his own hand, to symbolize the original thirteen states of the Union. These trees have been surrounded with a fence by the present owner, Mr. De Forest, but whether they will be retained or destroyed by the onward march that commands the sale of the surrounding acres and lots is as yet a subject of doubt and speculation.

It is only a few years ago that the present owner acquired possession of this entire Hamilton Grange. Since that time the grounds have been laid out in street blocks, terraces and lots, and Hamilton terrace is now considered as being the eastern adjunct of Convent avenue. Seventeen houses have already been constructed there, and further improvements on the various streets, also along Tenth avenue, are now under way.

The City in Darkness.

Thursday evening just before dark, when the merchants began to light up their stores, it was discovered that barely enough gas to burn escaped from the burners, and as a consequence the streets were left dark and Main street seemed like Sunday night, except for the people there. Several of the merchants immediately went over to the gas works to inquire the cause of the failure of the gas supply, but the information was very meager, as the exact cause could not be ascertained by Mr. Roth, who has charge of the works in Mr. Johns' absence.

The only fact that could be ascertained was that something was wrong with the gas generator and the gas was escaping about as fast as made. Mr. Roth and his assistant were unable to locate or remedy the cause last night and the merchants had to substitute lamps and candles which gave the stores the appearance of away-out-in-the-country establishments. But the greatest inconvenience was at the opera house where a large audience was gathering to hear Sol Smith Russell and company. At first the gas was lighted but the light was very low and the report started that there would be no entertainment, but the opera house managers promptly hunted up a dozen or so of lamps and placed them along for foot lights and distributed them over the house, which, although they looked very odd, gave abundant light and the play went off very nicely.

Mr. Johns' who has charge of the gas plant here and understands it, is at present away establishing one some place in Missouri, but is expected back in a few days. During Friday the men at the works were investigating the trouble and located it in the drip boxes. These were cleaned out and things were working well at 2 o'clock and a Herald reporter was assured all would be well soon.

ALWAYS learn to think and act for yourself.

WELL DONE AGAIN.

Sheriff Eikenbary Traces and Captures Another Cass County Criminal.

A few days ago Sheriff Eikenbary received word from Eagle that a man named Elmer Wart had on the 23rd day of September, hired a horse to ride, from the livery stable of Jacob Yoder, and since that day nothing had been heard of either Wart or the horse, and it was believed Wart had stolen the animal.

Sheriff Eikenbary immediately repaired to Eagle and learned what few facts he could relating to Wart and his folks and that the horse had been sold in Lincoln for cash, and that Wart had left there for parts unknown, with the money. But Mr. Eikenbary was informed that Elmer Wart's father, Jacob Wart, resided at O'Neil City, in Holt county, and what evidence he had and his recent experience, combined with good judgement, he decided the culprit must have made for O'Neil City and immediately telegraphed the sheriff of Holt county the facts and instructed him to guard the home of Jacob Wart.

What transpired at O'Neil City we have not yet learned, but last evening just about seven o'clock, Sheriff Eikenbary received a telegram from the Holt county sheriff, that his man, Elmer Wart, was under arrest, and was awaiting his (Eikenbary's) arrival.

Mr. Eikenbary prepared himself for the journey, but as it was too late for the evening trains, he left this morning on the 6 o'clock train and is expected back with his prisoner to-morrow.

Sheriff Eikenbary's record as a criminal-catcher, is one of which he could well be proud, and which is a credit to Cass county. His successful tracing and arrest of the gambler, George Calbert, only two weeks ago, is still fresh in the minds of the readers of the HERALD, and the excellent work done in tracing and capturing Henry Schroeder to St. Paul, a short time before, will be recalled to Mr. Eikenbary's credit.

Mr. Eikenbary's good work speaks well for Cass county throughout the state, and certainly she can not afford to lose such an efficient officer.

Dr. Depew Talks of Blaine.

From the Chicago Times. "Well," said Mr. Depew, while his left foot beat a tattoo on the carpeted floor of his apartment, "I know that Mr. Blaine does not particularly desire the nomination, and yet, as a matter of fact, he has no opposition to that office. It is a peculiar condition of affairs, but there is practically no opposition in the country to Mr. Blaine's nomination."

"I tell you," he added after a quiet pause, during which the nervous foot was also inactive, "the American people have instinctively a deep-seated sentiment in favor of fair play. When Mr. Tilden was a candidate for the presidency there was a large public sentiment, in which I as a republican did not share, that resolved itself into an almost general belief that Tilden was elected as president of the United States, and if he had been nominated again he would have been elected, as sure as guns," and Mr. Depew brought his right hand down upon the arm of his chair with forcible emphasis.

"Now," said he, "the people are of the firm belief that a hysterical response to an asinine address, delivered by a phenomenal jackass with a reverend cognomen, resulted in the defeat of Mr. Blaine for the presidency at last election, and if he should be nominated again the result will be far different. As it was, he was defeated only by 700 votes, and since that time the people have had an opportunity to estimate what they got and what they have lost by that result."

S. S. Cox is a new competitor for the chairmanship of the Ways and Means committee. He is one of the oldest and most experienced members of the popular branch of congress. He is also one of the most pronounced and aggressive free traders in that body, and is in harmony with the dominant faction of his party and R. Q. Mills, of Texas will have to look close for his laurels. Although Mr. Cox has never held many important positions in the organization of the house, he has been more than once an active aspirant for the speakership.

The New York Mail and Express has made a canvass of the labor party in Brooklyn, and found that out of 8140 labor votes 6680, over four fifths, have hitherto supported the democratic ticket. As that party is particularly strong in New York, where Henry George is a candidate for the leading office to be filled in the coming election, the democratic chances for victory in that state are very far from being flattering.

ANY one who has a pond and wishes to have it stocked with fish can do so by making application to W. E. O'Brien, superintendent of the state fisheries at South Bend, as the fall distribution of German carp has commenced and all applications should be made by Nov. 1st.

LEARN to say no; it will be of more service to you than to be able to read Latin.

We have been asked several times lately on what day the election occurred, and when we answered the 8th of November some seemed to be surprised that it comes so late. As there seems to be the impression that the election occurs on the first Tuesday in November. Generally they do, but the law in each state says, "the first Tuesday after the first Monday." This year it means the second Tuesday in November, on the 8th day of that month. November begins on Tuesday, so that it will require a whole week to fill in the requirement of "after the first Monday." The November elections cannot occur later than the 8th nor earlier than the 2nd of the month.

An important article for health-seekers will appear in the November Harper's, under the title of "The Winter Climatic Resorts of Three Continents," by William Smith Brown. Mr. Brown has for forty years made the matter a special study in his wide travels, and masses into nine pages the net result of his researches regarding the invalid resorts of Egypt, France, Italy, Algiers, Spain, Switzerland and the United States. He specially emphasizes the vital characteristics of the chief places in this country to which pilgrimages are made for recuperation of health and shows that each particular locality has its own quality of influence, adapted to a certain class of invalidism, and a limited season of benefit, which must be carefully regarded if any remedy is to be derived. What the medical profession has failed to do he has accomplished, by a broad and careful investigation of all the health resorts of Europe, Africa and America, revealing the short-comings and the advantages of each site.

THERE is a strong probability that the merchandise trade balance, which has recently been heavily against the United States, has now begun to turn in its favor. The preliminary statements of exports for September of the following classes of domestic products, to which, for purpose of comparison, are appended the exports of the same classes of commodities for the corresponding month of 1886, are here given:

Table with 3 columns: Commodity, September 1887, September 1886. Includes Cotton, Breadstuffs, Provisions, Petroleum, Cattle and hogs, and Total.

There was an increase last month of over \$3,000,000 in the sales abroad of the five most important classes of American exports. This was due principally to the great expansion in the shipments of cotton. In all the other items, except provisions, there was a falling off in the month, as compared with the same month last year. The artificial maintenance of prices of pork in Chicago at a higher level than would prevail if the law of supply and demand were permitted to bear sway is undoubtedly responsible for the decline in the exports of that product. In the months of April, May, June, July and August, taken together, the aggregate imports exceeded exports to the extent of about \$62,236,000, or an average of nearly \$12,000,000 a month. In September, however, it now seems probable that exports once more exceeded imports. Notwithstanding the fact that the country in the five months named brought abroad more merchandise than it sold, it imported nearly \$4,000,000 in specie more than it exported. This proves that foreign investments in American industrial enterprises have been heavy in the past few months.—Globe Democrat.

Uncle Sam After the White Caps.

There is rumor that the depositions of the "White Caps" of Southern Indiana will be brought before the Federal Grand Jury, which convened on Monday. All efforts to convict the outlaws at their homes have proved futile for the reason that in nearly all the countries where they operate they have control of the courts, and it is well known that during the last month an effort has been made to get the cases in the United States court. Gov. Gray and District Attorney Seiler were recently in consultation about the proposed investigation, and the governor, in the strongest terms, urged that the Federal court take up the cases if there was any section of the law under which it could be done. Statutes were carefully examined by the two, and an old section was found providing for the punishment of Klu Klux, in the south under which it is believed the outlaws can be tried. If any doubt should arise about the constitutionality of that section, there are other sections covering the cases of the "White Caps," and there seems to be no doubt about the Federal government having the power to administer law in the case. The law-abiding people in the counties where the depositions have been most frequent are anxious that the Federal court should give them protection, and have volunteered to give the district attorney all the assistance in their power, both in securing evidence for indictments and conviction. The Federal officials have nothing to say about what will be done, but there is ground for belief that witnesses from the complaining counties will be summoned to appear before the grand jury next week.

Rudeness of the Travelling Public. The other day at dinner the conversation turned upon the selfish rudeness of a portion of the travelling public. One of the persons at the table related this incident: Some months ago the passengers on a night train on a branch railroad were kept awake by the loud and incessant conversation indulged in by two men sitting at one end of the car. There were no sleeping cars attached to the train, and one of the men in the course of their wearisome babble remarked: "It seems to me that a road which doesn't furnish sleepers ought at least to fit up their cars with head rests, such as you find on some of the eastern roads." Whereupon a voice at the other end of the car replied: "Head rests wouldn't help much in this car so long as those two men down at the other end keep on talking." The passengers roared with delight, and one of the two offenders bristled up and declared he'd talk just as much as he pleased, but pretty soon quiet reigned. The passenger who so neatly administered the needed reproof was Edward Everett Hale.—New York Tribune.

Manufacture of Brussels Lace. Brussels lace is celebrated all over the world, and we must not fail to visit one of the places where this beautiful and costly lace is made. Here we see a number of women, very quiet, very neatly dressed, and in some cases with wonderfully delicate and soft looking hands, although they are all plain working-women. Each is busy fashioning the delicate pattern of a piece of lace, and it is said that each woman has a pattern of her own, which she always makes, and which, perhaps, descended to her from her mother and grandmother. Some of the women are working on cushions, with pins and bobbins, and some are using needles and the finest and most delicate of thread. We are told that this thread is all made by hand, and it is so delicate that it has to be spun in damp cellars, because in the dry upper air it would break. Here it is finishing. There are old women in Brussels who have spent nearly all their lives spinning in cellars.—Frank R. Stockton in St. Nicholas.

Nature's Seed Sowing. The woody melon shaped fruit of the sand-box tree of the West Indies is made into a neat box by sawing off the top and scooping out the seeds and is used in Barbadoes for holding sand. When, however, the fruit is allowed to ripen on the tree, it bursts explosively, scattering the seeds over the ground. An experimenting naturalist recently sought to preserve a specimen of the fruit by drying carefully, but it exploded with such violence as to destroy the box containing it.—Arkansas Traveler.

New French Coinage. The new French coinage is being carefully designed in hopes that parliament will sanction the alteration directly the chambers reassemble. Nickel will definitely replace bronze, and every coin will show the amount of its value in large, distinct figures on either side. The obverse will bear the effigy of the republic with the date, and on the reverse will be the national motto: "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity."—Foreign Letter.

Doctors in the Russian Army. According to the Pravoslavnyi Vestnik the Russian army has 2,808 surgeons, 232 veterinary surgeons, and 3,455 feldshers (medical assistants). The strength of the Russian army on a peace footing is said to be about 800,000, so that the allowance is about one surgeon to every 280 men.—Public Opinion.

She Ain't Built that Way. "I see by the paper," said Scruggs, "at least by a headline, that a woman shot at Coney Island." "Well," said Muggs, "I'll venture to say, from what I know of the sex's marksmanship, that she didn't hit it."—Philadelphia Times.

Life is one long waiting time. So the learned poets tell; And that comes to the him who waits— At a popular hotel. —Tit Bit.

Opinion of a Leading Editor. Almost all the diseases that afflict us from infancy to old age have their origin in a disordered liver. A really good liver medicine is the most important in the whole range of pharmacy. We believe Simmons' Liver Regulator to be the best among them all. We pin our faith upon the Regulator, and if we could persuade every reader who is in ill health to buy it, we would willingly vouch for the benefit each would receive.—Ed. Cincinnati Gazette.

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Legal Notice. In the district court of Cass county, Neb. In the matter of the estate of William O'Neil deceased. Order to show cause why license to sell real estate should not be granted, on reading and filing the petition of John Beahour, Administrator of the estate of William O'Neil deceased, representing among other things that said deceased died seized of certain real estate therein described and that it is necessary to sell the same to pay the debts of said deceased and paying for license to sell the same, and it appearing to the court that it is necessary to sell said real estate for that purpose. It is ordered that all persons interested in said estate be and appear at the office of the clerk of the district court in and for Cass county, on the Saturday, 24th day of November A. D. 1887, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, to show cause if any, why license to sell the real estate of the said deceased should not be granted. A copy of this order shall be published in the Plattsmouth Weekly Herald, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said Cass county, Nebraska, for four successive weekly publications. Dated October 16th, 1887, at Plattsmouth, Nebraska. SAMUEL M. HAPMAN, Judge of the District Court of Cass county Nebraska. C. C. WRIGHT, Atty for Administrator. 274

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