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NO LONGER A BEGGAR.

A Noted St. Louis Mendicant Comes Into Her Substance.

For ten years, in sunshine and storm, in summer's heat and winter's chill, the bent and wrinkled form of Catherine Costello, an old beggar woman, has been a familiar figure to the frequenters of the Merchants' exchange at Third and Pine streets, near the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. There was a niche on the stone steps, near one of the principal entrances, devoted to the aged Irish mendicant, and many a man whose heart was sore with the struggle for gain has "propitiated" fate by a gift to this wrinkled and wrinkled old woman, whose scanty gray locks and attenuated form might have served an artist for the eldest of the Eumoides.

For three weeks Catherine Costello has been missed from her accustomed haunts about the Merchants' exchange. The kind-hearted baker over the way, who had given her a loaf of bread every day for years, wondered what had become of her, and sought out another object on which to bestow his humble but needed aid. The men on "change" missed her, and with utilitarian charity invested their gifts to other mendicants, and the "old beggar woman" suffered the fate reserved to other less unfortunate sons and daughters of Adam and Eve's misery—she was forgotten.

A block eastward, and almost in sound of the unheeding river, Catherine Costello, on a beggar's cot, in the attic of a storehouse, was gnawing away her life. Just at daybreak of the last Sabbath morning the soul of this woman, who for half a century has been a bitter and discarded plaything in the hands of fortune, winged its flight, and the aged beggar, unmingled with the dirt and grime of poverty, stood at the great white throne of God.

Yesterday, in a tiny coffin, scarce larger than a child's, all that was mortal of Catherine Costello reposed in peace and quiet, and the rest of the beggar was serene as that of a king. To gaze at the sightless eyes, the bony hands, folded over the hollow breast, the sunken cheeks and withered form, one could almost imagine it the remains of some ancient priestess, flched from some secret crypt in the temple of Isis. There was only one other occupant of the miserable attic room, the dead woman's daughter, who sat alone last night with the rain on the roof outside, the awful hush of death within, and her only companion a mother's corpse.

To the busy, unobservant throng there was little food for pity in the life and death of this woman, but beneath the gauze of outward seeming lies a romance and half a score of tragedies. Three-quarters of a century ago Catherine Costello was born in one of the prettiest parts of Ireland, near the famous Lake of Killarney. Sixty years ago a winsome Irish lassie left the dear little isle in an emerald sea to seek home and happiness in the land that has come to be so dear to every Irish heart. Here she married and to her came the joys and sorrows of motherhood. She gave to her country, by adoption, eleven children, six boys and five girls. She had three sons in the civil war, one of them a non-commissioned officer, who served in the union army and another who served his time in several of the biggest newspaper offices in Pittsburgh, Pa.

There was the fatal summer '12 in the family and now only one member of it remains, a daughter, Catherine St. Clair, who has neither husband nor child and with bent and wasted form looks forward to her own release.

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H. S. Risley, Who Was Born in the Early Part of the Century, Goes Down in Death—His Eventful Career.

The death of H. S. Risley, which occurred a few days ago, removes from Omaha one of the most picturesque characters that has ever helped in the making of local history. The infirmities incident to advanced age caused death. Mr. Risley was born in 1814 in Pennsylvania and his veins carried the red Quaker blood. He remained a firm believer in the cardinal principles taught by the Quakers and the tenets of that faith were carried out by him through his long and eventful life.

A peculiar fatality in his youth caused the members of his family to meet untimely death. Large financial interests were involved and a designing person administered poison. Mr. Risley was subjected to the same danger, but by a miraculous turn of fate he escaped death and was the only survivor of a large family.

An estate that had been accumulated by long years of frugality and industry was swept away like sand in a gale and when but a lad Mr. Risley was thrown upon his own resources. Leaving Philadelphia he went to New Orleans and there attained some prominence. He saw the poetry of life on the Mississippi river and he painted pictures that attracted attention the world over. He owned a plantation near Bayou Sara and lived the life of a southern planter for several years. His idea of the Mississippi river scenes was elaborate. He made a panoramic picture that was 45 feet high and a quarter of a mile long. He took this work to Europe and exhibited it to the crowned heads. He traveled in many foreign countries. While making the exhibition he encircled the globe, Japan and China being the only countries he did not visit.

Falls Victim to the Cossacks.

While in Russia Mr. Risley fell a victim to unfriendly Cossacks who, falling to appreciate his work of art, confiscated his baggage. While he was traveling by sleigh and a band of wolves descended on the horses that carried him. This left him prey to the Cossacks. His picture of the Mississippi river was destroyed and he was left without resources. He gained a foothold in the country, however, and for a while was a courier in the employ of the government. During his Russian experience Mr. Risley gained information to the effect that large property interests in Minnesota awaited his attention. It was necessary to make a certain legal showing, which, owing to the death of his parents, he was unable to do. A part of the property involved was where the city of Minneapolis now stands. Recovering from the ill effects of his Russian experience Mr. Risley reproduced his river painting and exhibited it with greater luck than ever before. While in Russia he painted a picture of the river Thames and it met with success. From Europe he went to Australia. At one time during his travels he became interested in balloons and made several ascensions.

Among the epochs in this eventful life were passing through the yellow fever plague in the south, a shipwreck in the Pacific ocean and an explosion of a steam engine. He survived all and came out with flying colors. His health remained good up to a few days prior to his death. His demise was peaceful—simply the folding of hands at the close of a long and thrilling existence. Mr. Risley was not given to talk of his achievements or adventures. He was so modest that only his more intimate friends could draw from him the interesting story of his life.

When the municipal campaign was at its height Mr. Risley was on his deathbed. He was a friend of Mayor Moores and despite the fact that his life was ebbing away he rallied on election day and against the orders of physician and family went to the polls and cast a vote where, as he said, "It would do the most good." Having exercised his franchise as a voter the old warrior returned to his home, lay down in peace and gave up life's struggle.

Few chapters of fiction contain more features than does the life story of this veteran. It is a page of history such as can be written only of men of the old school.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

W. H. West of minstrel fame is a guest at the Murray.

Mrs. Mill Thorpe of Nebraska City spent Sunday at the Millard.

Joseph Fullerton, a member of West's minstrels, is at the Murray.

Frank Currie, a prominent Nebraska cattleman, is a visitor in the city.

J. E. Harrough, a railroad man from Kansas City, arrived in Omaha Sunday evening.

P. A. Nash and a party of friends went out to Grand Island to spend Sunday. Mr. Nash's private car was occupied.

Prince Andre Ponitowick, president of the San Francisco & Co. Valley Road way, passed through the city Sunday afternoon, enroute for the east.

Mrs. Emma Anderson Blake returned Sunday afternoon to her home in Maryville, Mo., after a pleasant visit in the city as the guest of Mrs. G. Hararova, at 824 Worthington place.

Nebraskans at the hotel Sunday: W. H. Tetterton, Fullerton, a member of West's minstrels, is at the Murray.

W. C. Huntington, D. D., chancellor of the Nebraska Wesleyan university, was in the city from University place yesterday afternoon Sunday morning. Dr. Huntington occupied the pulpit of one of the Methodist churches in South Omaha and spent the afternoon and evening in this city with his son, Thomas M. Huntington, a Gordon banker.

C. Cushing, the well known railroad contractor and former mayor of Omaha, who is in the city, accompanied by Mrs. Cushing and Contr. John O'Keefe, who is interested with Mr. Cushing in a fifteen-mile railroad contract for the Burlington between Lawrence and Woodburn, Ia. Mrs. John Fitzgerald of Lincoln is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cushing.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The program of the Woman's club for this afternoon will be in charge of the American history department. Rev. Frederick Hatch will lecture, his subject being "The Influence of the Home of Geography." Mrs. Myron Smith, who is such a favorite of the club, has a good talk.

Arthur Halbert and Fred Maymes, two boys living on West Leavenworth street, made a tour of that portion of the city yesterday in a decrepit buggy behind a spirited horse. As the boys were driving at a gallop they struck a protrusion on the sidewalk which struck an obstruction and the passengers were thrown out. Maymes sustained a fracture of his arm and both boys were badly bruised.

DIED.

DEE—Margaret, mother of E. J. Dee, superintendent of court house, funeral from residence, 1907 South Twelfth street, Tuesday morning, March 18, 1900, at 10:30 to St. Patrick's church, Interment in St. Mary's cemetery.

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