

on the place where the ruins of the engine and cars, dismantled machinery, burning wood and the charred remains of human beings presented a spectacle, calculated, one would think, to inspire anything but pleasurable emotions in the beholder, when the crowd of sightseers began flocking in. From east and west and north and south came the curious; people of high and low degree; white and black; and of the hundreds of people who were observable at the wreck, in close proximity to the dreadful ruins, inhaling the peculiarly nauseating odor that comes from the burning of flesh, the majority were women—many of them delicate creatures bearing the earmarks of refinement. The interest manifested by these persons was more than interest. It seemed to be a kind of morbid delight. They stayed hour after hour, and it is a fact that in a number of instances the spectators brought their lunch with them and enjoyed refreshments on the very ground where so many persons had met a horrible death. Imagine eating one's dinner at the door of a human crematory!

And how quickly does enterprise step in and take advantage of opportunity, regardless of whether the opportunity springs from good or bad fortune! Almost the first arrivals at the out-of-the-way and distant scene of the wreck were greeted by the vendors of lemonade and various refreshments; and in order to keep up trade these "enterprising" salesmen had, with much foresight, removed the buckets from all the wells in the neighborhood.

So this great tragedy in which eleven people met an awful death, became, for thousands of people, an object of curiosity and enjoyment, and a source of pecuniary profit to a number of fakirs whose sense of the fitness of things was not allowed to interfere with the predominating commercial spirit.

The turmoil in the domestic life of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Drew recalls Mr. Drew's remark a few years ago that what the American people wanted was purity on the stage. He claimed at that time that the success of the Kendals was due entirely to the perfect serenity of their domestic life, and that the public paid \$1.50 to see them, not because they could act, but because Mr. and Mrs. Kendal were good and true. Mr. Drew then announced that he proposed to play the same game himself. He had just been married, and he had innumerable photographs taken of himself and Mrs. Sydney Drew, sitting with their arms around one another, and with their faces pressed together, reading a large book, which might easily be mistaken for a Bible, or gazing with bovine serenity into one another's eyes. The Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Drew Comedy Company was formed, and the fences were plastered with bills exactly like those of the Kendals. But the public was not as much interested in the domestic purity of the Drew family as it was in that of the English visitors, and Mr. Drew gave up his starring tour and took upon himself the management of his mother's company. The disturbance in the Sydney Drew family is not looked upon as serious, despite its publicity.

Marie Tempest has apparently followed the lead of Lillian Russell and broken her American contract for the purpose of singing in London. Miss Tempest was to appear in "Rob Roy," the new opera by Reginald de Koven, but the cable announces that she has signed a three years' contract in London. The difficulty of holding prima donnas to their contracts grows more and more pronounced. One of these days, it is believed, the courts will take hold of the prima donnas and give them a smart lesson as to the meaning of legal documents. This is the theory of managers who have been jilted by the prima donnas. The other managers, who profit by the vagaries of these ladies, feel secure in the belief that all they have to do is to have the prima donna appear before a jury and look with melting eyes at the men who compose it to get the benefit of a verdict in their favor.

The republicans of Indiana have invited Governor McKinley to come over the Ohio line and to open their state campaign. He has consented, according to the *Inter-Ocean*, upon condition that the state committee of Indiana will use its best endeavors to induce

General Harrison to accept the invitation of the Ohio committee, and to pass from Hoosierdom to Buckeyedom, and there to inaugurate the campaign of protection of republicanism against democracy free-tradeism and sugar-trustism. It is to be hoped that General Harrison will not stand upon the ceremonies or traditions of the presidency, but rather will again assume the rank of a citizen leader. There is no good cause why passage from the dignity of the presidential chair shall doom its quondam occupant to be thenceforth mute and inglorious. If General Harrison will make such speeches in 1864 as he made in 1888 he will contribute largely to such a republican victory in 1894 as was won in 1888. Of the services that Governor McKinley can render in Indiana it is needless to speak at any length. No man living can marshal fact, figure and argument in a more effective array than he, nor is any man more amply endowed with that victory-presaging quality called magnetism than he. Indiana has done well in calling him to inspire her republican troops with confidence. It will be strange if other states do not urgently solicit his aid. It is a pleasant sight that Indiana and Ohio present. Each has its favorite son in reserve for the potentialities of the next presidential campaign, yet each in honor exalts the other. Ohio asks Harrison to lend the fire of his epigrammatic rhetoric to its republican troops; Indiana calls upon McKinley to bring his massive artillery of argument into the service of that state. Between the two honored chiefs there is rivalry as to which can do the better service toward restoration of that national prosperity that is the un-failing concomitant of the policy of protection, administered in accordance with republican policy.

Apropos of THE COURIER'S remarks about Dick Berlin, the following from the Omaha *Excelsior* is of interest: It has come out that the trip of Mr. Martin and others to Washington was unproductive as far as one part of their quest was concerned, that which had to do with Dick Berlin's soft snap. The soft snap will remain just where it is. Here is the story. Mr. Martin it was, we believe, who tackled Grover in his den. He intimated that the Missouri River commission was about ready to welcome to its select circle the genial face of a demo-who should slip in Dicky's shoes. "If there is any change made in the personnel of the Missouri Commission," said the president, "I should feel obliged to appoint a republican as Mr. Berlin's successor, as the commission naturally falls under the civil service rules." This was an eye-opener for Mr. Martin. But he took it very gracefully. He said immediately quite a proper thing. It was: "We should prefer Mr. Berlin to any other republican." And that is why lucky Dick Berlin still has his luck with him.

An interesting feature of the republican state convention will be the candidacy of Will M. Maupin, for the nomination for secretary of state. Mr. Maupin who in the last year or two has been employed in various capacities on the *World-Herald* in Omaha, in the Lincoln office of that paper, and on the *Evening News*, this city, became the editor of the *North Bend Republican* not many months ago. Since that time he has challenged the attention of the press of the state by the sprightliness which he has injected into the *Republican* and by the confident manner in which he has gone after the nomination for secretary of state. Maupin writes to the editor of THE COURIER that he considers his prospects excellent.

The Omaha *Excelsior* says of a former resident of this city: Many hereabouts had lost track of J. C. McBride of Lincoln, one time postmaster of that city, and one time treasurer of Nebraska. He has been living in Texas for the last three years and that seems to have been long enough to give him a fresh start. He resides in the seventh congressional district in that state and it is said that he will be nominated by the populists of that district for congress. Rumor says that the republicans will indorse his nomination. The combined vote of these two parties in the district is larger than the vote of the democratic party there, so his nomination practically means his election. Advices from Galveston say that Gresham, the present democratic member from the Seventh district, will not be renominated, so McBride will run against a new man.