

I hear that the ladies of the Y. W. C. A. who managed the eating hall made four hundred and fifty dollars which was doing very well indeed.

The success of the whole was due in great part to Mr. M. D. Welch who spent the months of April, May and June in advertising the assembly, and arranging the program with the aid of Dr. Scott. These men give their services every year to the Chautauqua assembly. Mr. Welch's energetic efforts in the way of advertising and to insure the excellence of the program were rewarded by a large attendance and the satisfaction of all who were there.

I have received a notification from Mr. Ed McIntyre, treasurer of the state board of agriculture, that "the biggest fair on earth will be held near the city of Omaha about fifty miles northeast of Lincoln on the days between August 27 and September 5 inclusive."

Mr. McIntyre about fair time has an inclusive smile. This year it will include everything heretofore forgotten—for the first of September will mark the ripening of the biggest crop ever raised in Nebraska. If corn could only come to its own, one year of a crop like this would tide the farmer over two or three years of failure.

Why is it that good corn is not so good as it used to be? Why are cattle and hogs hardly worth while to raise? Beefsteak and roast beef, oatmeal and sausages cost the housekeeper just as much. These are concrete problems that those who have decided to clear up the financial atmosphere might begin upon. "Just push those clouds away."

Lippincott's for July has an interesting article on the "Decadence of Modern Russian Literature." It says: "New periodicals, new men, have taken the places of the old ones, without having replaced them. The Russian government has no one to fear, the field is clear, the clarion notes of genius are dumb, autocracy has successfully swept from its path all that was honest, gifted, and mighty. It has only pigmies to fight with, a degenerated, degraded nation of mediocrity and mental poverty. The great minds of thirty years ago are either in their graves or behind iron bars they cannot trouble the White Czar any more. The young man on the throne can safely say to his people, lay all your senseless illusions aside; there is no one to oppose him. He rules a nation of slaves, just what his grandfather and his father intended has come to pass."

The article states that Turgeniev was driven from Russia and spent the last twenty five years of his life in Paris, where he died. Count Tolstoi was famished and Dostoyevsky spent twenty years in Siberian prisons. Tolstoi who is now 80 years old is the only survivor of all the journalistic poets, essayists and novelists who made the last forty years of Russian literature so brilliant. The memorial is written by a Russian. If it teaches anything it teaches that a government should not be allowed to get set in its ways. It should be stirred by the people discontent and should be instantly responsive. The government in this country is the people. No institution is sacred if the people wish to change it. It is their institution and if it gets in the way they will pull it down if they once get their giant hands on the pillars thereof.

Mr. Howells begins a new story in the July century. It is an idyl of Saratoga and it is pervaded by the atmosphere of that peace. Saratoga used to be as fashionable as Newport is now and it still shows signs of faded glories. Faded is not the right for it though. It is freshly painted and furnished every year especially for the kind of people who go

there. These are not people, for the most part who have houses in all kinds of climates but those who take out of the hot part of the year two or three weeks of vacation. They stop at hotels and enjoy the first day or two of music and the sight of the crowds. After that unless they make congenial acquaintances, they are dull and want to go home. The remnants of former distinction are the villa's built in the style of forty years ago surrounded by extensive grounds. No one who has money enough to buy so much ground and to put up a correspondingly large house would settle in Saratoga. The nabob of today goes to Newport, Lenox or Bar Harbor. The characters of Howells's story are Mr. and Mrs. March who are Mr. and Mrs. Howells undisguised by anything but a change of name, Mr. and Mrs. Deering, and a young lady friend of Mrs. Deering's. Mr. Deering is a dealer in trees. He is annoyed because the young lady in the party is dissatisfied. She is the daughter of the richest man in the small place where they live, and Mrs. Deering has by implication invited her to come with them to Saratoga and meet the prince whom every girl expects—a prince translated into modern clothes and whose royalty has nothing inconsistent with "American institutions" about it. Well when they get to Saratoga the band plays and with every throb for two or three days something seems about to happen, but it does not and the girl gazes about with disappointed eyes at the old gentlemen who nevertheless are the only members of their sex in sight. Howells sees the disappointment in the beautiful eyes of the young girl, he also meets the deprecatory glances of her friends and he is able to comprehend the whole situation. He has not been analyzing maidens for thirty or forty years for nothing. Mr. Deering's subsequent confidences only give names and dates and confirm his statement of the relations between the three people and the responsibilities of the pair to the young lady. His wife, Mrs. March and himself are attempting to collect a social environment for them when "to be continued" shuts the door.

St. Peter's, by F. Marion Crawford, in the same number gives an idea of the vastness of St. Peters that figures have never been able to do. A. Castaigne, who first became popular by his illustrations of Puddin' Head Wilson, illustrates this article. I like his figure pieces better than Gibson's. They have poetry, feeling. Look at the prostrate work on page 329, a slim kneeling brother on each side of him. How wonderfully devotion and religious contemplation, withdrawal from the world is expressed even on the backs of the three men. A. Castaigne draws from the inside always. He has illustrated Mr. Crawford's article with the devotion of a Catholic. He may be one for all I know, but if he is not his sympathy and insight can reach a much further distance than that from his own views.

The Home Journal is preparing a few columns on the life, character and tastes of Mrs. Bryan. Next week in these columns we will print an estimate of her by one of her fellow club members.

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To Frank W. Little, Mary T. Little, The New York Security & Trust Company, a corporation, The General Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists, a corporation, non-residents:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 29th day of June, 1896, Charles G. Dawes as plaintiff, began an action against you and other defendants in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, the object of which is to foreclose two certain trust deeds and mortgages on the following lands in said county, to-wit:

The southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 6, township 9, range 7.

The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 31, township 10, range 7.

Part of the north east quarter of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 6, township 9, range 7, beginning at the northwest corner of the north half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 6, township 9, range 7, running east 380 feet for a starting point, thence south 128 feet, thence east 50 feet, thence north 128 feet, thence west 50 feet to place of beginning.

The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 6, township 9, range 7.

The south half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 8, township 9, range 7.

Lot 16 Perkin's subdivision of east half of northwest quarter and southwest quarter of northwest quarter of section 31, township 10, range 7.

Lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, block 3, lots 16, 17, 18, block 6, South Park Addition to Lincoln, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, block 2, A. Traynor Cameron's Subdivision of lot 3, Fairview Addition to Lincoln.

Lots 7, 8, block 116 Lincoln; lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 in block 49 Dawson's Addition to the city of Lincoln, also lot 9, block 10 C. C. Burr's Subdivision in the said city of Lincoln, also lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, block 15, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, block 16, lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, block 17, lots 1 and 12 block 25, all of blocks 18, 19, 20, all in Sabin's Hill being a part of northwest quarter of section 6, township 9, range 7, except that portion of above property already deeded to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company.

Each of said trust deeds and mortgages are made by Frank W. Little and Mary T. Little, dated the 14th day of April, 1894, one being given to secure the payment of one certain promissory note or any renewals thereof of said Frank W. Little and another, to the American Exchange National Bank of Lincoln for \$20,000.00, which has been renewed, and there is now due on said renewal note the sum of \$23,000.00, with interest from the 1st day of July, 1896. In said trust deed and mortgage this plaintiff is made the trustee for said American Exchange National Bank. The other of said trust deeds and mortgages is given to secure the payment of eight certain promissory notes, or any renewals thereof as follows: two to the American Exchange National Bank, one dated December 4, 1893 and due 60 days after date, and one dated December 31, 1893, due 60 days after date, each note being in the sum of \$15,000.00, which said notes have been renewed and there is now due and payable upon said renewals \$23,000.00, two to E. E. Brown, one in the sum of \$7,196.41, dated November 8, 1893 and due six months after date, and one for \$7,500.60 dated February 14, 1893, and due on or before August 8, 1894, which said notes have been renewed and there is now due and payable on said renewal note the sum of \$16,000.00, two to H. L. Smith, one in the sum of \$7,500.60, dated February 14, 1893, due on or before August 8, 1894, and one for \$7,196.41, dated February 8, 1893, and due six months after date, which notes have been renewed and there is now due and payable upon said renewal notes the sum of \$16,000.00, two to Everett Finney, one in the sum of \$7,500.60, dated February 14, 1893, and due on or before August 8, 1894, and one for \$7,196.41 dated the 8th day of November, 1893, and due six months after date, which notes have been renewed, and there is now due and payable upon said renewal notes \$16,000.00.

In said trust deed and mortgage the plaintiff is made the trustee for the said American Exchange National

Bank, H. L. Smith, E. E. Brown and Everett Finney.

The plaintiff prays for a decree of foreclosure and sale of said lands to satisfy said liens as aforesaid, for deficiency judgment and general relief. You are required to answer plaintiff's petition on or before the 17th day of August, 1896.

CHARLES G. DAWES, Plaintiff.  
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