

THE ONEIDA COMMUNISTS

Something of the Society to which Guitaux Belonged.
"Oath" in Cincinnati Enquirer
Guitaux is a type of a large class in the country, who, having picked up a little law, written a speech or two to deliver before the public, or strolled into a prayer-meeting and attracted consideration, come to think themselves national characters; and the more ragged and dirty they become the more they like themselves to distinguish men of antiquity—such as Diogenes and Socrates. Guitaux, as has been said in a southern newspaper, is considerable of a satire on some of the elements in the republican party. There is no record that he is a drinking man. He has been a lecturer on temperance. He would be perfectly acceptable with a clean suit of clothes to the total abstinence wing of the republican party. Then he was one of the young prayer-meeting men. Instead of lecturing somewhere, joining a church and bringing up his character slowly, he would pounce into church the first time after his arrival at a hotel, and address the people on something or other.

He was one of those little snap theologians who read a little of the Bible and jumped to a conclusion which they consider to be an important truth in theology; and so it is as important as many of the turns that have brought considerable theological fame. Everybody was looking for the second coming of Christ, and he put three or four paragraphs together somewhere and discovered that Christ had already come, and the exact year he came, and nobody had noticed it, but himself. This was sufficient, had he a congregation, to set the man on a series of travels throughout this country, Europe and the Holy Land. It was the same kind of discovery that his lord and master, Noyes, of the Oneida Community, made when he read in the Bible one day that in heaven they are neither married nor given in marriage. Therefore, says Ergo, the world must be made heaven. Resolved, that marriages shall be burst up. So Noyes went down in Connecticut, where there was a strong minded woman with an unintellectual husband, who had a good farm, and she showed the aforesaid husband and the sister that to be just like other heavenly people, he must come into a community where there were no marriages, and bring his daughters and sons in and turn all their worldly goods in the common lot. "This," said Reverend Noyes, "I will initiate you into the best substitute for marriage."

Noyes went preaching over the country. He was a Baptist of the sect General Artur was raised in. Being pretty well known among the Baptists, he got a hearing in many a Baptist family, and so moved his community from Connecticut to New York, and had become a considerable commercial concern when Guitaux and his father went into the community, according to accounts, and the young man stayed there much longer than his father, and was engaged in one of the numerous quarrels in that community about the women.

I recollect some years ago seeing a man who had sued that community to recover his wife and a sum of money he had put in. He went there expecting things were much looser than they were; but he found old Rev. Noyes, the only man who was married to everybody. Noyes was married to this novice's wife and his daughters, too; and after that the wife would have nothing to do with her husband. The women in the community generally disliked this husband. He had not a religious tongue in his head. He was a purely physical lover. He could not butter his parsnips with sentiment. He sued the community for his money and his wife, and set up the point that the women would not tolerate him.

This nasty community was allowed to continue in the state of New York, near Conkling's home of Utica, twenty years, and would have been a tremendous nuisance to this day, but the Noyes got old and concluded that there had better be marriages on this earth in order to give him a rest. It is now secularized, and raises gilt-edge butter, bear traps and yankee notions. It furnished, however, the assassin of the president. After he got out of the Oneida community, Guitaux went to the different theological conventicles, where somebody had bolted away from his congregation, and was preaching essays instead of sermons. He was very much infatuated with Prof. Swing, in Chicago. He joined the Shakers awhile. He followed Bob Ingersoll around to show what a fool Bob was, and correspondingly how great a man Guitaux was. Never able to pay his bills he retained a serene equanimity, as if this world owed him a living, and it was a small matter not to settle his bills when one had great ideas in one's head. The last of his patented notions was that by discharging a pistol into the president he could save the republican party. If this kind of a man is crazy he is found at large in every community.

Next to Godliness.
Where New Yorkers Bathed and Learn to Swim.
New York Tribune.
The advent of the season for excursions and the annual departure of city people for the country or for Europe, brings a feeling of anxiety to many persons as to the safety of traveling by water. An inquiry a few years ago in the United States navy showed that only one-fifth of the men could sustain themselves in the water, and the proportion of persons outside the navy who cannot swim is much larger. The Narragansett and Scandinavian boat disasters last summer furnished lamentable proof that every one should learn to swim.

POWER FOR A CONTINENT.

Niagara Falls to be the Chief Motor for America.
The following letter from Sir Wm. Thompson, of Glasgow University, appeared in a recent issue of the London Times:
"Sir: Your leading article in the Times of yesterday on the storage of electricity alludes to my having spoken of Niagara as the natural and proper chief motor for the whole North American continent. I value the allusion too much to let it pass without pointing out that the credit of originating the idea and teaching how it is to be practically realized by the electric transmission of energy is due to M. C. W. Siemens, who spoke first, I believe, on the subject in his presidential address to the Iron and Steel Institute in March, 1877. I myself spoke on the subject in support of Mr. Siemens' views at the Institution of Civil Engineers a year later. In May, 1879, in select committee of the house of commons on electric lighting, I gave an estimate of the quantity of copper conductor that would be suitable for the economical transmission of power by electricity to any stated distance, and, taking Niagara as an example, pointed out that, under practically realizable conditions of intensity, a copper wire of half an inch diameter would suffice to take 20,250 horse power from water wheels

and surplus travelers by their skill. A representative of the Tribune recently visited a number of the swimming baths in the city, in order to learn what accommodations there are for the public. The baths where admission is charged are as far as ascertained, situated as follows: On the North river—Hall's at the Battery, Dexter's at West Twentieth street, and Hunt's near West Thirty-second street. On the East river the following baths belong to the East River Bathing Co.: Stuyvesant bath at Grand street, Knickerbocker at Third street, Williamsburg at Thirty-second street, and Manhattan at Fifty-first street. There is also a bath at East One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, Harlem. Several other partly inclosed baths are situated on the upper part of the East river and the Harlem, some being mere inclosures upon a shelving beach. There are two swimming baths and schools in the central part of the city, the Central Park Natatorium, at Seventh avenue and Fifty-ninth street, and Gebhard's Natatorium, at Fifth avenue and Forty-fifth street.

Three swimming baths are situated at Gouverneur street, Fifth street, Nineteenth street, Thirty-seventh street and One Hundred and Twelfth street, East river, and at the Battery, Bethune street and Fifty-first street, North river. E. W. Keeny, superintendent of the Battery bath, said it had been established nearly forty years. "Several thousand persons bathe here every year," he continued, "and learn more easily than boys, because they take more pride in the accomplishment. Professor Grant taught about 300 persons last year, and many others taught themselves. A band is fastened around the learner, under the arms, and to this is attached a line and pole with which the teacher supports the novice until he has acquired the correct motions. Suddenly he finds himself swimming." Miss Kate Grant and Miss Hall teach the women and girls. Persons learn in from three to twenty lessons. Some children five years old are good swimmers.

The Central Park Natatorium has been established three years. It has a large tank filled with Croton water, which is salted. The professor of swimming stated that his method was to get into the water with the learner and show him how to swim, first letting him grasp a rope and learn to kick, and then to use the arms. Rubber inflators, or life preservers, are sometimes used to support novices. About 500 men took lessons last year, and more than as many women.

Mias Kate Bennett, who teaches the latter, assisted by her sisters; attributes most of her success to her power of inspiring confidence in her pupils. She said many wealthy women took lessons in May and June, before going in the country or to the seaside. A woman unable to swim was not considered thoroughly accomplished. Swimming, she thought, gave a more graceful carriage to women. Her chief difficulty with beginners was to make them keep their hands under water, to keep their feet off the floor, and to kick with them. The steam-boat accidents last season induced many women to learn to swim.

Professor Gebhard's assistant at the Fifth avenue and Forty-fifth street bath said he used simple Croton water which was changing all the time. Women bathe in the early part of the day and until 3 p. m., and men until 10 p. m. Professor Gebhard attributes his success to teaching the motions first, before entering the water. The pupil is then drawn along in the water with a rope by the teacher, and is afterward supported by a band and rope attached to a wheel, which runs in a groove over the bath. A spring-board, swinging rings and other gymnastic apparatus are provided. The number of lessons necessary varies from six to ten. The average price for tuition is fifty cents a lesson, or five dollars for teaching a novice to swim, without regard to the number of lessons it requires. The price of admission to most of the baths is twenty-five cents.

Mr. Martin, superintendent of the East River Bathing Company's baths, said he did not like to give an estimate of the bathers who used them in the baths, thinking that they were the regular swimmers. About two-fifths of the patrons are women and girls. July and August are their best months. They do not pretend to compete with the free baths. The Grand street bath was established in 1843, and the company has been formed six years.

The third of our vice presidential presidents, Andrew Johnson, took the oath as president as quietly and privately as Tyler had taken it. His quarrel with the republicans was not of such sudden and rapid growth as the quarrel of Tyler and Fillmore with the whigs, but it became in the end quite as irreconcilable, radical and bitter. Johnson's differences with his old party leaders, like those of Fillmore, grew out of his refusal to wage war, politically, upon the south. Like Tyler, Johnson formally joined the democratic party before he left

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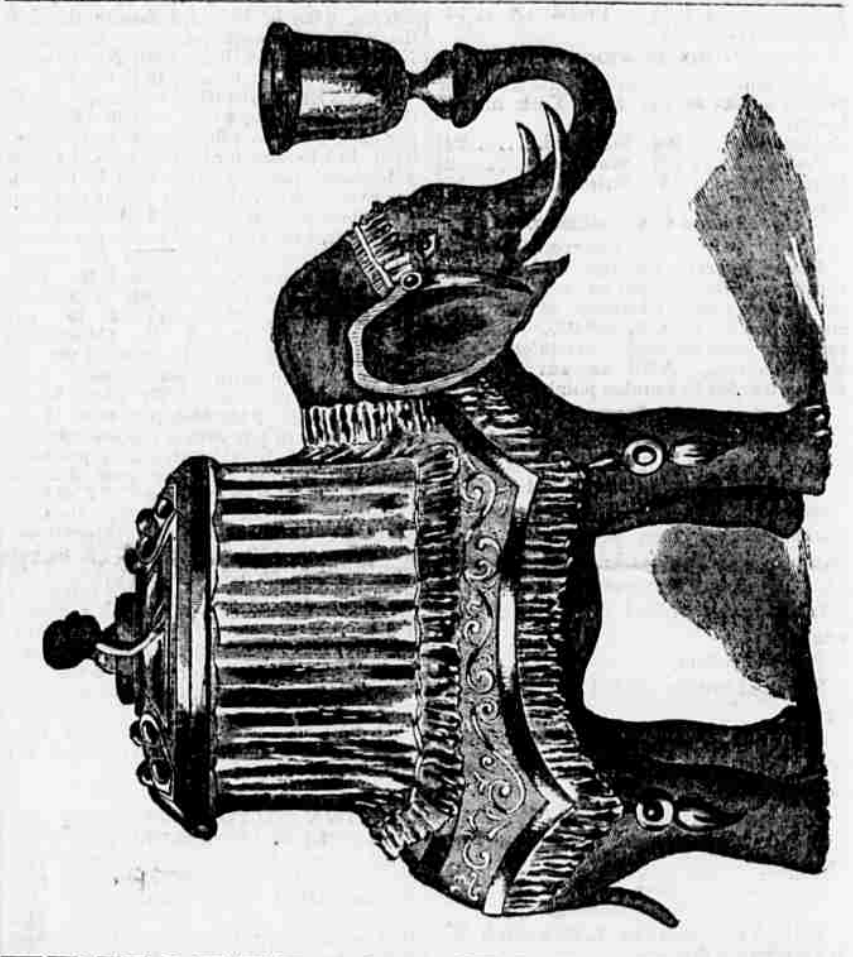
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