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FATHER FITZGERALD'S SCHEME.

BY PRUDENCE WILDER.

CHAPTER XV.

THE SOCIAL.

The alumni after practicing their opening song go in a body to the lawn. Madge accompanies them, and after chatting a few minutes returns to her father's room.

As she nears his bed-side he inquires, "Are you happy tonight, my dear?"

"Why do you ask, papa?"

"Because I fear you are worrying about Sam. Are you not?"

"Well, yes, some. It seems almost as if we can't [illegible] this social a success [illegible], papa, I feel lost [illegible] him away. It is [illegible] cannot help it. [illegible] letter tonight, [illegible]"

[illegible] bly in Chi- [illegible] ear from him [illegible] cerful. Do all [illegible] r, to make the [illegible] remember that [illegible] this or any other [illegible] Prof. Lane and the [illegible] public schools."

[illegible] t, papa. Now, how [illegible] Are you well enough [illegible] e couch?"

[illegible] st hear the program. [illegible] o go now?"

[illegible] James and Miss Lowell [illegible], it would do you good to [illegible] work, preparing the lunch. [illegible] d Mrs. Morse to the letter, [illegible] nd old lady was never more [illegible] lement. I tell you she's a [illegible] There is enough provided to [illegible] Bath for several days; but we [illegible] ch a novel way of disposing of [illegible] urplus. You know those neat [illegible] picnic baskets that are made of [illegible] board?"

"Yes, Madge, I do."

"Well we have two hundred of them, [illegible] after the lunch is served we have [illegible] mmittee of seven of the juniors who [illegible] fill them. Then they are to be ar- [illegible] ged on the large dining table, over [illegible] ch is hung three immense [illegible] anese [illegible] orns. Under each of th[illegible] rns [illegible] on [illegible] rge [illegible] will [illegible] it is [illegible] always [illegible] do hope [illegible] wise as [illegible]

princi[illegible] ht add as [illegible] veland da[illegible] me with [illegible] t surely [illegible] redit to Chi[illegible] marked [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] a few minutes about the west, soon commanding the undivided attention of the listeners. Then wakens up to the subject and continues: "There are many complaints and expected miseries that continually agitate the minds of a certain class of our American people. These bilious, dyspeptic croakers are forever in a ferment over fears and wrongs that exist only in their feeble imagination. They feel that something is wrong, some terrible calamity is about to befall us, and move about from day to day trying to enthuse others with this spirit of discontent. Perhaps these unhappy mortals are to be pitied more than blamed, but they make sad havoc. It is this element that today, always have been and always will be making mischief in our public affairs. They always desire a change, being too snarly, too fussy, too narrow-minded to appreciate a good thing. Now it will take just two hundred of this uncertain class to change the administration of your public schools and place at the head a Roman Catholic. I trust Bath is not so infested as many of our western towns are with many voters who are as fickle as the wind. The shrewd leaders of Romanism are ready to work upon the weak-minded, the ignorant, and the discontented. They were never known to advance a single principle in favor of our government or in support of public education, for every effort made to advance civilization is a step toward destroying the power of the pope. We Americans all agree that in the success of our public school system is the perpetuation of our government, then whom do we wish at their head? Do we want a man interested in and anxious for their progression and continuation, or do we want a Roman Catholic who is antagonistic to enlightenment and freedom of thought? I have in cold type a number of sentiments of noted Roman Catholic priests that I will read as a tonic for the uncertain and thoughtless. Should any papist or any one else in my hearing question the authenticity of these gems (?) of thought I stand ready to prove what I say, and you may step forward and examine these as well as other papers of interest that I have in my possession. Now let me have your undivided attention for a few minutes more while I read from the pen of the priesthood:

'The public schools have produced nothing but a godless generation of thieves and black-guards.—*Priest Schaur.*'

'I frankly confess that the Catholics stand before this country as the enemies of the public schools.—*Priest Phelan.*'

'We would much rather our children should grow up in ignorance than be taught in a school that is not Catholic. —*Catholic Quarterly Review.*'

"[illegible] Catholic citizen of the United States owes [illegible] any principle of the government which [illegible] [illegible] church [illegible] sons [illegible] allegiance to the church [illegible] manded of us opposition to political principles adopted by our civil government, we should not hesitate to obey the church.—*Catholic World.*'

'It will be a glorious day for the Catholics of this country when under the blows of justice and morality our school system will be shivered to pieces. Until then modern paganism will triumph.—*Cincinnati Catholic Telegram.*'

"These principles, my friends, are so instilled in the children educated by Catholic teachers that in every town, in every hamlet, and even in the country, on the frontier, we find thousands of men who are protected by our government, and who are American citizens by law, standing in readiness to do the pope's bidding, even should this obedience be treason of the rankest type. Ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys, I warn you; shun any principle that is not true patriotism, shun any person who is not loyal to the country which protects him, for in every American who does not in his heart swear allegiance to America there is an innate depravity that is treacherous in the extreme. If our children are not taught patriotism where will our government be twenty years hence? If we are not patriotic where will it be in ten years? I look with pride upon this class of bright young graduates. And now let me ask whom are you to thank in most part for these accomplished American citizens? Whom, indeed, but Prof. Lane and his excellent corps of teachers? For ten years he has labored with the parents of Bath. Are you ashamed of the fruits of his labor? Let me ask you pointedly, do you dare risk a change? But I must not forget that the inviting lunch prepared by Prof. Lane's pupils is now waiting, and doubtless my hearers are anxious to do it justice, so I will say but a few words in conclusion. Think for yourselves and do not belong to the band of croakers. Be true Americans. The demon of Romanism is overshadowing our fair land like a thunder-cloud. Shall we settle it now before it bursts by the ballot or later on with blood?"

The alumni stand like statues, and even after Sam has ceased speaking, watch him in silence for several moments, then in chorus call him back to the portico. He returns, telling them that he has just returned from a short business trip, is somewhat tired and thinks it will be far better for all concerned that the pupils serve luncheon forthwith. The committees act upon Sam's suggestion and place before the guests a most inviting repast. Every one upon the grounds enjoys the games and various amusements until towards midnight, when in groups and one by one they take their departure, leaving the Rogers' home once more in quietness.

Prof. Lane's friends feel a sense of great satisfaction as they go from the beautiful lawn to their various homes.

The program was more than they expected and the refreshments were truly delicious.

Judge Rogers obeyed Dr. Wentworth's orders retiring directly after program.

As soon as possible, after the guests are gone, the family gather in the library for a short visit. Miss Lowell has watched the patient carefully, thinking the excitement might disturb his rest, but so far he is very quiet and sleeps a little. Madge goes in the bedroom and asks: "Papa, are you resting well?"

"Yes, child, I am greatly relieved. Sam has returned and there is nothing more to do now but to await the election. Our boy's speech, although short, was right to the point. In fact every number on the program was very commendable. Now, my dear, you may send Mr. Case here."

"But, papa, wouldn't it be better to wait until tomorrow?"

"Perhaps you are right, but I must know what success they had before I try to sleep."

"Very well, I can tell you. They have the evidence to convict the man they suspect and now must find the rascal. In the morning the detective and Sam will explain all, then you can plan with them. Would you like to have Sam sleep here on the couch beside you? He told me to say that he will take James' place while he remains if you desire it."

"Yes, tell him to come."

"And you must try to sleep now, papa."

"Very well," says the kind old man, as he kisses his daughter before she returns to the family.

Mr. Case relates the events of their late journey, greatly interesting his hearers until 1 o'clock, when Mrs. Morse suggests that there are many things to be thought of during the day, repeating the old adage, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

CHAPTER XVI.

THE MARRIAGE

Saturday morning Judge Rogers hears the detective's interesting account of his case. When it is finished he inquires, "And have you made plans by which we may hope to find this mysterious wretch?

"Yes, I think the detective force all over America know that I want this man. I have sent his description and photograph even to the frontier hamlets. If he escapes it will surprise me very much. Our rewards are certainly liberal enough to interest even the shrewdest of our profession. I tell you judge, when we know our man he seldom out-wits us."

"True enough; but you may be years in this chase."

"Yes, we may; but I think not. Mrs. Foley says Fitzgerald wrote the account of the intended murder, that is the account of the coasters; you remember."

"Ah, how does she know this?"

"This was a part of her evidence that she heard in the dialogue between him and Foley. The priest is beyond our jurisdiction but his illegitimate son remains to be punished for the iniquity of the parent as well as his own infernal crimes. Yes, we will find him. This life-time of deceit and wickedness shall not go unpunished."

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INCREASED THE TAX ON WHISKY.

Extended the Bonded Period Five Years. Tax on Playing Cards Fixed at Two Cents—Congressman Oates Has Prepared a Silver Bullion Coinage Bill—Public Debt Statement—Washington News.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The advocates of the individual income tax proposition were triumphant at the meeting of the Democratic members of the ways and means committee Tuesday afternoon. The 11 members were present when the final meeting was held at the treasury department. But little time was wasted in discussion. The ground had been all argued and fought over time and time again and the issue was joined on two propositions, one to levy a tax of 2 per cent against individual incomes over $4,000, and against the incomes from corporations; (that is the difference between the gross income and the operating expenses, or, in other words, the net income) and the proposition offered as a substitute by Mr. Cockran, to tax the incomes from corporations 1 per cent and inheritances 5 per cent, to place a tax of 10 cents on whisky and to restore sugar to the dutiable list at 1/8c per pound. The vote on Mr. Cockran's substitute proposition, which was taken first, resulted in its defeat 7 to 4 as follows:

Ayes—Messrs. Wilson, Cockran, Stevens and Montgomery.

Nays—Messrs. McMillin, Turner, Whiting, Bryan, Bynum, Tarsney and Breckinridge.

The original proposition was then submitted and carried by a vote of 6 to 5, as follows:

Ayes—McMillin, Turner, Whiting, Bryan, Bynum and Tarsney.

Nays—Wilson, Cockran, Stevens, Montgomery and Breckinridge.

Increased the Whisky Tax.

It was also decided in connection with the latter proposition to increase the whisky tax 10 cents per gallon; that is, from 90 cents to $1 to be levied against whisky in as well as out of bond.

Upon the representation that this increase would work undue hardship to the owners of whisky in bond, it was decided to extend the bonded period from three to eight years.

The tax on playing cards, at one time fixed at 6 cents per package, was reduced to 2 cents, and the contemplated tax on perfumes and cosmetics was discarded. No increase was made in the tax on cigars, but the increase on cigarettes, $1 per 1,000, was allowed to stand.

The committee estimated the tax on the incomes from corporations and individuals (corporations being treated as individuals) will raise $30,000,000 revenue —$11,000,000 from corporations and $18,000,000 from individuals. The increase in the whisky taxation [illegible] give an additi[illegible] per annum. A detail[illegible] stating [illegible] poss[illegible] certitance, which was to be [illegible] proposition for an individ[illegible] of [illegible] was not deemed necessary.

OATES' COINAGE B[illegible]

Provides For Coinage of Silv[illegible] Now Owned by the United [illegible]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—[illegible] tive Oates (Ala.) will introd[illegible] lowing important bill to pro[illegible] coinage of silver bullion now [illegible] the United States:

First—That all of the silver bullion now owned by the United States shall be coined as speedily as practicable into standard silver dollars of the weight and fineness as now prescribed by law which shall be a legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private; provided, that one-seventh part of said bullion be coined into half-dollars, quarter-dollars and dimes in the proportion directed by the secretary of the treasury, and to contain the amounts of pure silver and alloy as now prescribed by law for such coinage.

Second—That the secretary of the treasury shall set apart 40,000,000 of the dollars coined as aforesaid for the redemption of notes issued by the treasury and paid out for the purchase of silver bullion in the manner provided for in the act of July 14, 1890, and whenever the said sum is reduced below $40,000,000 by the redemption of said notes, the secretary shall from any other silver dollars in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, add to the said sum so as to keep it up to $40,000,000 until the aggregate amount of said notes outstanding is reduced below that sum and then the said secretary shall keep in the treasury for their redemption an amount of silver dollars equal to the amount of notes outstanding until they are all redeemed, provided that the secretary may reissue any of said notes when redeemed as provided in the said act of July 14, 1890.

Third—That any contract hereafter made by the government of the United States, or between corporations, or between a corporation and a person or persons, or between private persons, which is by its term or by law payable in dollars or dollars and cents, may be paid at its maturity or thereafter in any lawful coin of the United States.

First Cabinet Meeting This Year.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—All the members of the cabinet were present at Tuesday's meeting, the first of the year 1894. The president was none the worse for the fatigue of New Year's day.

Public Debt Statement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The public debt statement shows the net increase of the debt, less cash in the treasury, during the month of December to have been $6,861,662. The gold reserve is $80,981,600, and the net cash balance, $9,483,455; a total available balance of $90,275,555, a decrease during the month of $4,824,061. The total cash in the treasury is $7[illegible],701. The total [illegible] bank notes outstand- [illegible] 1893, was $2[illegible],442,027, an [illegible] in circulation since Dec. 31, [illegible], of $34,141,215, and a decrease in circulation since Nov. 30 of $408,701.

Cruiser New York at St. Lucia.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The navy department has received news of the arrival of the cruiser New York at St. Lucia, in the British West Indies, on New Year's day. A cable also announces the departure of the cruiser Baltimore from Hong Kong for Yokohama where Admiral Skerritt will transfer his flag to her. The New York stops at St. Lucia for coaling purposes and she will proceed on her way to Rio immediately after getting coal aboard. Her time to St. Lucia is considered very good for cruising, the speed being at the rate of 15 knots an hour.

Dabney Duly Installed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Dr. Charles W. Dabney of Tennessee took the oath of office and entered upon his duties as assistant secretary of agriculture, to succeed Mr. Willetts.

LEAVENWORTH BRIDGE OPENED.

Colonel Morrison, Chief Engineer of Chicago, Made the Formal Inspection.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 3.—The ceremonies of formally opening the new bridge took place at the west end of the structure. A train of seven locomotives gaily decorated was run across the bridge as a test to please the multitude. The Twelfth Infantry band of Fort Leavenworth played a lively air while Colonel George S. Morrison, chief engineer of Chicago, made a formal inspection and declared the bridge open for public use. The two Soldiers' home field pieces and 30 men stationed not far from the bridge on the levee fired 44 shots, one for each state.

The meeting that followed was presided over by D. R. Anthony, who made the opening address. Speeches were made by Colonel Morrison, Colonel Edwards of Kansas City, L. Burnes of Platte City and J. H. Atwood of Leavenworth. Judge Paxton of Platte City read a poem. The opening ceremonies were witnessed by fully 10,000 people. Such a crowd was never seen before in Leavenworth.

Purchased by the Illinois Central.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 3.—A deed was filed in the county clerk's office formally transferring all C. P. Huntington's interests in the Louisville and Nashville road to the United States Trust company of New York for the benefit of the Illinois Central Railroad company. The Illinois Central mortgaged its property to the United States Trust company of New York to secure a $5,000,000 bond issue, the bonds to be given to Huntington in payment for his interest in the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern.

Denver Banks Paying Off.

DENVER, Jan. 3.—Two of Denver's closed savings banks have put in circulation $250,000. The People's Savings bank paid out an assignee's dividend of 10 per cent amounting to $95,000. The Den[illegible] bank which closed [illegible] as well as d[illegible] business Tuesday, [illegible] sidered w[illegible] panic, resumed [illegible] Each may [illegible] bank is paying 70 per cent to all [illegible] tors who ask it and to those who [illegible] sign the redemption agreement [illegible] all amount of their deposit is paid. [illegible] deposits so far have equaled the [illegible] thdrawals.

Mrs. Irvine Gets a Large Alimony.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 3.—Judge Zane made his final ruling in the Irvine divorce case. He granted Mrs. Irvine alimony in the sum of $80,000, payable in three installments in three, six and nine months. He also allowed her $3,000 for attorneys' fees, and over $1,000 for expenses incurred by her witnesses in coming to Salt Lake to testify.

Granted a New Trial.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 3.—In the case of McAfee and Parker, the two negroes under sentence to hang Friday next for the murder of Charles Zister in this city, the supreme court reversed the decision of the trial court and granted a new trial.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Gloucester fishermen had a fairly prosperous year. Value of the season's catch was placed at $9,000,000.

A monument to mark where Sir Francis Drake first set foot on the Pacific coast was unveiled at San Francisco.

By a vote of almost 3 to 1, the province of Ontario declared for prohibition of the manufacture and sale of liquor.

Many persons inspected the grounds and buildings of the California Midwinter fair. Formal opening will soon take place.

Output of iron ore in the Lake Superior region in 1893 was but 6,195,000 tons, against 9,074,293 the previous year.

Over $23,000 in cash and property was contributed at the gift meeting of Seventh Day Adventists at Battle Creek.

New York Poles celebrated New Year by a service in memory of Kosciuska and Pulaski.

Charles Hendrickson, a sailor, was found in a barn in New York, where he had lain without food for 11 days.

The bank book of William Penn is making much trouble for the descendants of the founder of Philadelphia.

It is proposed to extend Superintendent Bryner's plan for charity in New York to employers and employes generally.

Maryville, Mo., has just experienced a great revival in religion, over 600 of her inhabitants having become converts to Christianity.

Ward Wickline, a young farmer near Sedalia, Mo., was shot and robbed by two highwaymen, with whom he had a desperate encounter.

A committee of veterans have secured an option on 2,500 acres at Shiloh battlefield with a view of having a memorial park established there.

Rev. B. F. Gaston, known as the "Liberian Moses," who was under bond at Atlanta, Ga., voluntarily surrendered and went to jail.

Chief Harris has been instructed by the council at Tahlequah to return the check sent from St. Louis to apply on the bond sale negotiated by Mr. Chadwick.

A meeting of the Central Bimetallic League was held at Des Moines to prepare for the coming meeting of the Pan-American Bimetallic League convention to be held there Feb. 22.

AN ARMISTICE DECLARE[illegible]

Pending an Investigation [illegible] Lease Is to Be Reinsta[illegible]

SHE WAS NOT LEGALLY REMO[illegible]

Her Position Seems to Be Sustained [illegible] Legislative Act—It Is Thought That Governor Has Taken the Advice of Ju[illegible] Doster—Case Temporarily Hung U[illegible] Mutual Consent—Denied by Lewelli[illegible]

TOPEKA, Jan. 3.—An armistice [illegible] been declared between Mrs. Lease [illegible] Governor Lewelling pending an inq[illegible] into the case by their mutual fr[illegible] Judge Frank Doster.

Mrs. Lease determined to mak[illegible] fight in the superior court and emplo[illegible] Eugene Hagan, the well known law[illegible] and Democratic politician, to act as [illegible] counsel. Afterward they called Ju[illegible] Doster to consultation and not[illegible] Justice Horton that they would appl[illegible] his chambers for an order restrainin[illegible] W. Freeborn, the governor's appoi[illegible] to succeed Mrs. Lease on the boar[illegible] charities, from attempting to assum[illegible] duties of the position.

Governor Lewelling declined t[illegible] swerved from his course and no[illegible] the members of the board of charit[illegible] assemble at Winfield as first called t[illegible]

Judge Doster Advised Lewelling.

Then Judge Doster [illegible] appeared in [illegible] role of a mutual friend [illegible] and is rep[illegible] to have advised the governor, that [illegible] a hasty examination of the law, the [illegible] ernor's removal of Mrs. Lease woul[illegible] stand the test of the courts. H[illegible] been thus informed, the governor ag[illegible] to let the matter stand until a fu[illegible] report from Judge Doster.

Judge Doster would not go int[illegible] tails, but admitted that if he we[illegible] Freeborn's place he would not att[illegible] to act as a member of the board.

The reported armistice, if not [illegible] weakening of the governor in his [illegible] tion, seems to be confirmed by the [illegible] tion of Hagan and Judge Doster b[illegible] Judge Horton, to whom they stated [illegible] the case would be by mutual co[illegible] temporarily hung up. From [illegible] sources it is learned that the two [illegible] neys stated that Governor Lewelli[illegible] consented to reinstate Mrs. Lease [illegible]

Mrs. Lease Seems to [illegible] Its Sustain[illegible]

Mrs. Lease seems to be sustain[illegible] the legislative act of March 6, [illegible] which provides:

"Whenever any charges are [illegible] against any person or officer in [illegible] tion with the charitable institut[illegible] governor, the lieutenant gover[illegible] the speaker of the house of re[illegible] tives of the state shall meet at [illegible] and place as shall be named by [illegible] ernor and they shall proceed to [illegible] committee of five members of [illegible] lature, the duty of which such [illegible] tee, when selected, shall be t[illegible] into the truth of the charges, in[illegible] the affairs of the institution [illegible] amine into official conduct [illegible] filed [illegible] days the cas[illegible] than the supreme court. [illegible] he declines to talk, [illegible] believed that the terms of peace [illegible] made before [illegible] that.

Mrs. Lease [illegible]

OLATHE, Kan., J[illegible] charities met at [illegible] stitution in this c[illegible] sided in the ch[illegible] board recognizing [illegible] standing the dispatch receive[illegible] body to ignore her. The abs[illegible] Mrs. Lease's would-be successor [illegible] counted for from the fact her lawy[illegible] had instituted an injunction preventin[illegible] Freeborn from filling her place. A[illegible] members of the board were present, th[illegible] principal action at the meeting was a[illegible] cepting the resignation of Superinten[illegible] ent Carter and appointing A. A. Stew[illegible] ard, a Populist of Manhattan, as his s[illegible] cessor. The latter is here and [illegible] enter on his duties immediately.

Lewelling Emphatically Denies the [illegible]

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 3.—A speci[illegible] Leavenworth, Kan., says that G[illegible] Lewelling emphatically denies [illegible] sertion that he had decided to r[illegible] Mrs. Lease to her position as p[illegible] of the board of charities. "Th[illegible] ment," said he, "is absolutely [illegible] foundation. I have not even th[illegible] the matter and don't expect [illegible] Mrs. Lease is out to stay."

Will Represent European Stoc[illegible]

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Some [illegible] is likely to be made by the re[illegible] tion committee of the Union Pa[illegible] fore the close of this week, bu[illegible] nite plan of action can be decid[illegible] until the arrival from Amste[illegible] Mr. Abdeserain, who will sub[illegible] wishes of the European stock[illegible] The receivers will offer statistic[illegible] that it is essential that all s[illegible] lines remain with the present co[illegible]

Fred Foster Shot at a Dance.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. [illegible] Foster, 17 years old, of Sioux Fa[illegible] shot and probably fatally wound[illegible] man named Smith at Hartford [illegible] were attending a dance and an a[illegible] tion arose which developed into a s[illegible] Smith, it is said was getting the [illegible] of it, when he pulled his revolv[illegible] shot. Smith is under arrest.

Firemen Discuss Their Grieva[illegible]

ST. PAUL, Jan. 3.—The Nor[illegible] cific firemen's committee h[illegible] ence with the general [illegible] and the full details of th[illegible] that branch of the se[illegible] cussed in all their [illegible] the road and the [illegible] make any publ[illegible]

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