

WORK OF ORGANIZED WOMEN

Daughters of American Revolution Get Into Fresh Difficulty.

UNFAIR RULING IS CHARGED

Memorial Continental Hall Unfinished and in Perilous Condition the Bone of Contention.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The memorial hall is a conspicuous example of the manner in which the Daughters of the American Revolution in sundry cases have been premature in action. A certain woman gets to be proud...

So it was with the wonderful Memorial hall, which was to be the greatest thing of the kind ever attempted by a national organization of women.

Today Memorial hall is in a perilous condition. It has cost, building and site, close to \$300,000. Nothing about it is complete, inside or outside.

Portions of the structure which should be protected from the weather are exposed and are rapidly deteriorating.

Nobody, especially nobody, who sees the hall as it is at present, denies that such an achievement would be an honor to Mrs. McLean.

When it came to rushing through the recent continental congress a resolution permitting the board of management to bond the society in blank for the completion of Memorial Hall, some of the sober, thoughtful members rose to object.

They were summarily informed that the resolution had passed, and the subject was closed.

"I shall leave Washington at the close of this convention with the feeling that I wish never to attend another. That is, I believe in Mrs. McLean's sense of justice and fairness, I no longer have that belief.

"This subject of the bonding was brought up early in the week and presented to our consideration with every appearance of fairness. We were led to believe that later we would be allowed to discuss it.

"When it was again brought up, hurried over, and left hanging with the idea that the discussion was yet to come. Finally it was brought up, out of order, as I believe, but never mind that.

"Mrs. Lockwood read the resolution and immediately women all over the hall began jumping up and seconding it. At the same time other women were making a strong and commanding recognition in order to discuss the resolution.

"Of course these women were primed for just this occasion. It made a great confusion, perfect pandemonium, in fact.

"Under cover of this pandemonium the presiding officer could pretend to be unconscious of the demands for recognition which were being made. She did pretend to be unconscious of those demands, although every woman in the hall knew they were being made.

"In spite of the fact that women all over the floor were calling to be heard and that many of them were in the aisles approaching the platform and could not fail to be seen by the presiding officer, she refused to see them and without any delay called for a viva voce vote. As soon as it was given she announced that the resolution had carried by an overwhelming majority."

"The statement was greeted by a chorus of noes. Mrs. Helmut of New York and one or two others managed to make public protest against the whole proceeding, but that was all the good it did. It was the most high handed treatment of a convention I ever witnessed, and as I said before, I think it will be the last daughters of the American Revolution congress I shall attend."

"Possibly the administration was more influenced by the outcry than it seemed at first. Perhaps the threat to get an injunction against the society to prevent the proposed issue of bonds induced a more conciliatory spirit. At any rate, after some secret conferences, the indignant protest against leaving the amount of the indebtedness entirely to the discretion of the board of managers was heeded and the administration consented to limit the amount to \$200,000.

Although this was admitted to remove an decided danger, there were many who opposed the bonding scheme altogether. While as for the thorn which rankled deepest, the alleged unjust and indefensible methods of the president-general, that is just as sharp as before.

Club Notes. The department of philosophy and ethics will hold its last meeting of the season Tuesday afternoon, when plans for the coming year will be made.

The outlines for next year's work have been about completed by the literature department and will be announced next week. At the recent meeting Mrs. Mabel Langford was elected leader, Mrs. F. H. Muller, assistant leader; Mrs. J. M. Akin, second assistant; Mrs. F. H. Cole, third assistant; Mrs. Joseph Polcar, secretary; Mrs. Albert McDonald, treasurer, and Mrs. Albert Edholm, class reader. Mrs. Mullen will represent the department on the directory of the club.

Weddings and Engagements. The wedding of Miss Mary Peterson and Mr. Ernest Perrell will take place May 20, at the home of the bride's parents.

The wedding of Miss Mabel Shriver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Shriver, and Mr. John J. Brown, Jr., of Hannibal, Mo., will take place June 3.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davis announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Minnie Davis, to Mr. W. R. O'Shaughnessy of Omaha.

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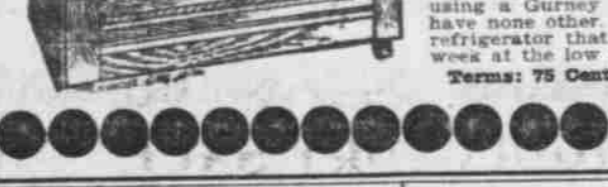
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Omaha. The wedding will take place the latter part of June. The wedding of Miss Louise Kurtz, daughter of Mrs. Kurtz, and Mr. Frederick H. Lott took place Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother near Benson, Rev. F. Raebel of the German Baptist church officiating. A wedding march was played by Mrs. Jasperson and the ceremony was performed under an arch of smiles before a large window of the dining room. The bride was attended by Miss Margaret Kahler as maid of honor and Mr. Gus Schwenning acted as best man. About seventy-five guests were present, a number being from Council Bluffs, where the bride formerly lived. They will be at home at Fifty-first and Pinkney streets, after June 1.

LUNCH WITH BACTERIOLOGIST Lawyer Listens to a Wizard Discourse and Leaves His Appetite.

A lawyer who had just returned from a western city, where he was interested in litigation affecting the local water works system, was telling his partners his experiences, and remarked that he had made a firm resolution never to invite a bacteriologist or an analytical chemist to luncheon again.

"The thing happened very naturally," said the lawyer. "The chemist, who happens to be one of the leading experts in the west on water analysis and is also professor of chemistry in one of the leading colleges out there, was called by my clients to give expert evidence. We left the court room for luncheon at the same time one day, and, of course, I invited him to go with me.

"The chemist accepted and proved to be a delightful sort of person while we were waiting for luncheon to be served. He told me in his breezy western way about things that interested me, and I was certain we were going to become firm friends, when the waiter began to bring on the food.

"We had both ordered oyster soup, and I fell to with vigor, because I had been talking most of the forenoon and had worked up an appetite. Without a word of warning the expert chemist opened up.

"I have never enjoyed oysters much since my friend, Prof., bacteriologist of the medical college, told me the result of some typhoid tests he had been making with oysters. He had been making up my mind to eat the oysters, but he said I would spare you the awful truth about oysters, because you appear to be fond of them, but really I think they are very dangerous."

"Naturally I didn't relish those oysters as much as I expected to, and I sidetracked them as soon as possible for the next course. A perfectly harmless looking piece of roast beef came next and immediately the chemist commented on how much tuberculosis there was existing in the herds of cattle throughout the immediate vicinity, and said he had been reliably informed that the government inspection of meat was far from what it should be.

"My roast beef immediately took on a peculiar flavor that seemed very suspicious. I ate very sparingly of it.

"So it went all down the bill of fare. Articles of food that had been favorites from my youth caused the chemist to turn up his nose, because he had expert knowledge of a most derogatory kind about them. I was fast getting the impression that I only thought I was hungry when I spied the ice cream and congratulated myself that here at least was something I could partake of heartily and be assured that I was safe.

"I had no more than started on the ice cream when the chemist sniffed and said: 'You wouldn't eat that ice cream if you knew what was in it.' 'I didn't wait for any more. I suddenly remarked that I had a lot of work to do on my afternoon summing up of the water works case, and grabbing my hat, I fled, making a silent resolve that while expert chemical and bacteriological knowledge was very good in its place I didn't care to have it served with my lunch.'—Washington Post.

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ROUSED BY MUSICAL TORNADO

Singer Whose Voice Can Beat a Brass Band to a Complete Standstill.

Late risers at the Grand Hotel, Indianapolis, were startled out of midmorning slumbers by a burst of melody that flooded the entire hostelry. Loungers in the lobby thought a musical tornado had struck the place. Employees feared a human caldope had been assigned to one of the rooms. All were confused except Fred Zwick, clerk, who recalled that one of the early arriving guests was Bert Morphy, a singer with a voice known by Zwick to be great enough to drown the sound of any brass band.

"Just keep cool," said Zwick to the startled inquirers, "that's only a man with a voice that can drown the din of a brass band. I know him and can vouch for him. He's absolutely all right. Just listen to that melody."

The inquirers paused to catch the words that were coming from one of the parlor suites in a cyclone of noise. The loudest singer in the world was trying out his voice on one of the patriotic songs he is to sing in the republican national convention in Chicago next June. At the end of the song the singer welcomed to his room some of the inquirers who had been started by his voice.

"Come on, n boys," he said, "I'm glad to see you all. Don't be afraid—I won't sing while you're here."

Thereupon the visitors found themselves face to face with the singer who campaigned for the republican national committee in 1904 and in 1906, and who is to furnish the music at the coming national convention because he is one of the few men in the world who can make their voices be heard above the tumult of a gathering bent on nominating a president.

Morphy has sung with all the big bands of the country and has taken part in every national event of political importance in a dozen years. The Elks' convention at Philadelphia, the old-home week celebration of Buffalo, the Territorial fair at Phoenix, Ariz., the Intermountain fair at Boise City, Idaho, the Actor's Fund fair at the Metropolitan opera house, the Nebraska State fair—these affairs heard him last summer and marveled—Indianapolis News.

HOW WALL STREET STARTED

Humble Origin of the Most Noted Thoroughfare in the Country.

On the morning of March 21, 1644, a man of clerical appearance might have been seen standing at the entrance to the dilapidated fortress of New Amsterdam, with a sheet of official papers in his hand. It was not an inviting prospect which confronted the observer that raw morning, for the roughly built, wooden houses scattered about the fort looked sadly weatherbeaten, and the straggling, ill made roads and paths which served as streets were littered with refuse and rubbish of every sort and ankle deep in mud.

The man at the fort did not, however, waste much time in gazing at these discouraging surroundings. They were familiar to him in every detail, for Cornelius Van Tienhoven had been secretary of the council at New Amsterdam for many years, and if he had ever been disturbed by the prevailing wretchedness of the town, it had long since ceased to afford him the slightest concern. Slowly turning his back to the view, he ticked one of his official documents to the wall of the fort, and then swinging about and picking his way across the miry ground to a convenient tree, affixed another paper.

Van Tienhoven's handwriting was easily read. Indeed, good penmanship was the only qualification he had ever displayed for his office, and that virtue had wholly failed to endear him to the populace, who hated the very sight of his clerical fist. The particular notice he had transcribed that morn-

A PLUTOCRAT PULLED DOWN

How a Man Credited with Millions Shrank Before a Banker.

In a recent speech Senator Chauncey Depew related the personal experience: Senator La Follette, the brilliant and somewhat imaginative orator from Wisconsin, enlivened and illustrated his three-day speech in the senate by charging that the productive wealth of this country was either owned or controlled by ninety-seven men. He not only included me in the list, but had my name printed in the Record in briefer type, while Morgan and Rockefeller and the rest were mingled with the list in the usual lettering of the official publication of congress.

I came over to New York that afternoon with a sensation such as I had never before felt. It seemed from such authority that the assertion must be true. The industries as we passed them, the skyscrapers as we came near the city, the rail-

roads, the ferry-boats, the subways, the elevated and the trolleys all seemed to pay deference to the owner or controller of one ninety-seventh of their value. It is a marvelous thing to be one of ninety-seven who own or control one hundred thousand millions of property.

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