

# People and Events

**Irving and Terry in America.**  
The return of Henry Irving and Ellen Terry to this country after an absence of two years attracted to the Knickerbocker theater, New York, the other night, the finest, although not the most fashionable, audience of the season. They were accompanied, as usual, by the company of the London Lyceum. Their welcome was as cordial and sincere as it has been in the past. The play was the historical drama "King Charles I." by W. G. Willis, Mr. Irving appearing as the English king and Miss Terry as Queen Henrietta Maria. It was first presented at the old Star theater in 1883 and has been revived at intervals since, but it is a picture of royal misery and domestic suffering too pathetic and painful to warrant frequent representation. The audience clearly indicated its



**SIR HENRY IRVING.**  
(Who began his American Tour With Miss Ellen Terry in New York the Other Night.)  
attitude to the play. Its admiration of Mr. Irving's splendid, dignified and pathetic performance was evident; its appreciation of the fine poetic and literary qualities of the play could not be doubted, but that the tension of its dark, unrelieved pictures of mental tortures was too trying even for aesthetic enjoyment was equally certain. The breaking of the shell was a pleasant relief.

**The Duke de Tallyrand.**  
The Duchess de Tallyrand at Sagan has had quite a series of difficulties in clothing her son for his marriage to Miss Morton, and has twice been obliged to invoke the courts to her aid. Owing to the condition of the Duke de Tallyrand at Sagan the duchess was forced to attend to all the legal features of the marriage. In order to avoid family complications she addressed herself to the courts for permission to give her son a wedding out of \$250,000. The courts granted the request, particularly as the duchess declared she had every right to dispose of such sum of money, as her own dot had been \$2,000,000. At the last minute, however, there was a complication in the matter. It is said the bride's father did not find \$250,000 sufficient. Whatever the real reason, just before the marriage the duchess hastened to Paris from London and again asked the courts to allow her to add her superb residence and gardens to the dot. A day or two before the ceremony the courts granted the duchess's request, and Miss Morton, now Countess Boson de Perliqord, will in consequence preside over as its absolute mistress one of the most beautiful homes in Paris and one full of historic associations.

**Girls Call Him Horrid.**  
Dr. Bradford is not popular with the women of Bayonne, N. J., because he



**DR. BRADFORD.**  
is backing Health Commissioner Meigs in the latter's efforts to make the wearing of short skirts compulsory. Mr. Meigs would punish by fine or imprisonment any woman whose skirt comes closer to the ground than three inches, and Dr. Bradford says he's right, as trailing skirts are great spreaders of disease by sweeping up the germs and microbes.

**Our First City President.**  
"It should not escape attention," says the Review of Reviews, "that of all the long line of illustrious Presidents, Theodore Roosevelt is the first to be born and brought up in a great city. Other Presidents have passed over to cities, and so have become more or less identified with city conditions and city life, notably President Arthur, Cleveland and Harrison; but Mr. Roosevelt is the first President to represent and to reflect in his very fibre the cosmopolitanism of the great modern city, and that city—New York."

# SAYINGS and DOINGS

**A Harvard Socialist.**  
H. Gaylord Wilshire, son of a Cincinnati banker, a graduate of Harvard University, and the fiery editor of the leading socialist newspaper of the United States, transferring his publication from Los Angeles to New York, finds the pathway not one of roses. The government officials perceive in its threatening utterances undesirable sentiments, and further that it does not justify a place among legitimate newspapers, by being almost wholly an advertising medium. When leaving California this is how Wilshire was proclaimed by the San Bernardino Times: "What else betide Los Angeles this year, she is to be the galmer in one thing—to be rid of H. Gaylord Wilshire. That postulent nuisance who persistently disobeys the laws with his billboards, publishes bombastic challenges to Bryan and declaims in the park to get himself arrested, is to betake himself and his paper to Gotham, whence it is hoped he has no return ticket."

**Determined to Kill Her.**  
The authorities of Ashtabula, Ohio, and the people generally are much interested in unearthing the individual or individuals who have made four consecutive attempts upon the life of Miss Lillian Hawkins, a young lady of that place, whose reputation is of the highest. So far the mystery remains unsolved and meantime the young victim is slowly recovering from the shock of the fourth attempt upon her life. She declares she knows no person who should seek her life, nor any reason why she should be attacked. Last December the first attack was made upon her. Shortly before Christmas while visiting friends in Rock Creek, near Ashtabula, she was left alone in the house one day. When the family returned they found the girl bound and gagged, lying on the floor, and with a mark around her throat where a cord had been tightly drawn. She had been attacked from behind and while being choked she became



**MISS LILLIAN HAWKINS.**  
unconscious. She did not see her assailants and the authorities who began a prompt investigation of the case failed to discover the criminal. A few weeks later after Miss Hawkins' return to her home she ate an apple and was taken suddenly sick. Only prompt medical aid saved her life, as the apple had been poisoned by strychnine. The next assault upon her was made early in the summer. One evening she was holding a lantern for her father in the back yard when a quantity of vitriol was thrown in her face. In the excitement, the miscreant escaped and no trace of him was found. The last attempt upon her life was made last week. She was eating supper with the rest of her family and while partaking of sliced peaches she noticed a peculiar taste. Her suspicions and those of the family were at once aroused and investigation revealed that the peaches had been dosed with laudanum. Medical aid was at once summoned and her life was once more saved. Her condition is still serious as this latest attempt on her life has completely shattered her nerves. Thorough investigation of the matter is being made, but neither she nor her family can throw any light upon it.

**Value of South African Horses.**  
One of the great lessons of the Boer war was to show the value of the South African horse. If the Boers had not been so excellently mounted as they were, on horses bred in the Transvaal, Orange Free State and Cape Colony, the war would have worn a different aspect. The South African horse can live on much less food than an English horse; he does not suffer from the climate; he does not tumble into holes; he is sounder, is more sensible, and learns better to stand alone without being tied up.

**Where Labor Laws Are Observed.**  
In Massachusetts labor laws are rigidly enforced. The mills run 53 hours a week and not a minute longer. No woman or child is allowed to work in the mills at night. The factory machinery starts up at 6:30 in the morning and runs until 6 o'clock at night, with an hour's stop at noon every day except Saturday, when the mills start up at the regular hour and stop at noon.

**Lived to the Age of 128.**  
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# Current Topics



**The Football Player.**  
BACK to the cinder plie! All of you, get back—away back, And sit down. I am the main squeeze; The whole works; the chief guy; The ne plus ultra and the hot stuff. Back to the timber! All you baseball, golf, tennis and croquet, Crokinole, tidd ewlaks and other childish Sports, To the discard, for I am here! Now is the season of the glorious football Game, when men go forth to do or die, and there WILL be doings from now on. Step lively, for there's only room Under the calcium of the chrysanthemum. The Thanksgiving turkey and ME!

**A Sensible Scheme.**  
There is a little town in New Jersey where an improvement league has done more to cleanse and beautify the place, at an expense of less than \$100, than the council has accomplished by expending thousands of dollars in the ordinary way. The league began by offering prizes for clean back yards and alleys, and then for the prettiest vine-covered fence, the finest vegetable plot, and the most beautiful flowering plant. It enlisted the active interest of the boys and girls, and got them to pick up waste paper and such things from the streets; to keep the school yard neat, and also the vacant lots. In six months' time the town became particularly attractive and clean, and the death rate has perceptibly decreased. The improvement league idea is open to any town where this paragraph may be read.

**European Tax Methods.**  
Adolph Nathan, formerly president of the Chicago Civic Federation, is in Europe investigating the methods of taxation and municipal government in different countries of that continent. In a recent interview in Berlin he said: "The taxing methods of Europe approach much nearer to fairness, justice and equity than do American methods. Broadly expressed, it is the European theory that the support of government, both national and local, should be derived from rents, interest, dividends and profits. No tax is contemplated on means of production, but only on results of production, provided it is profitable. This may have its drawbacks, but to my mind it is a thoroughly true and wise principle."

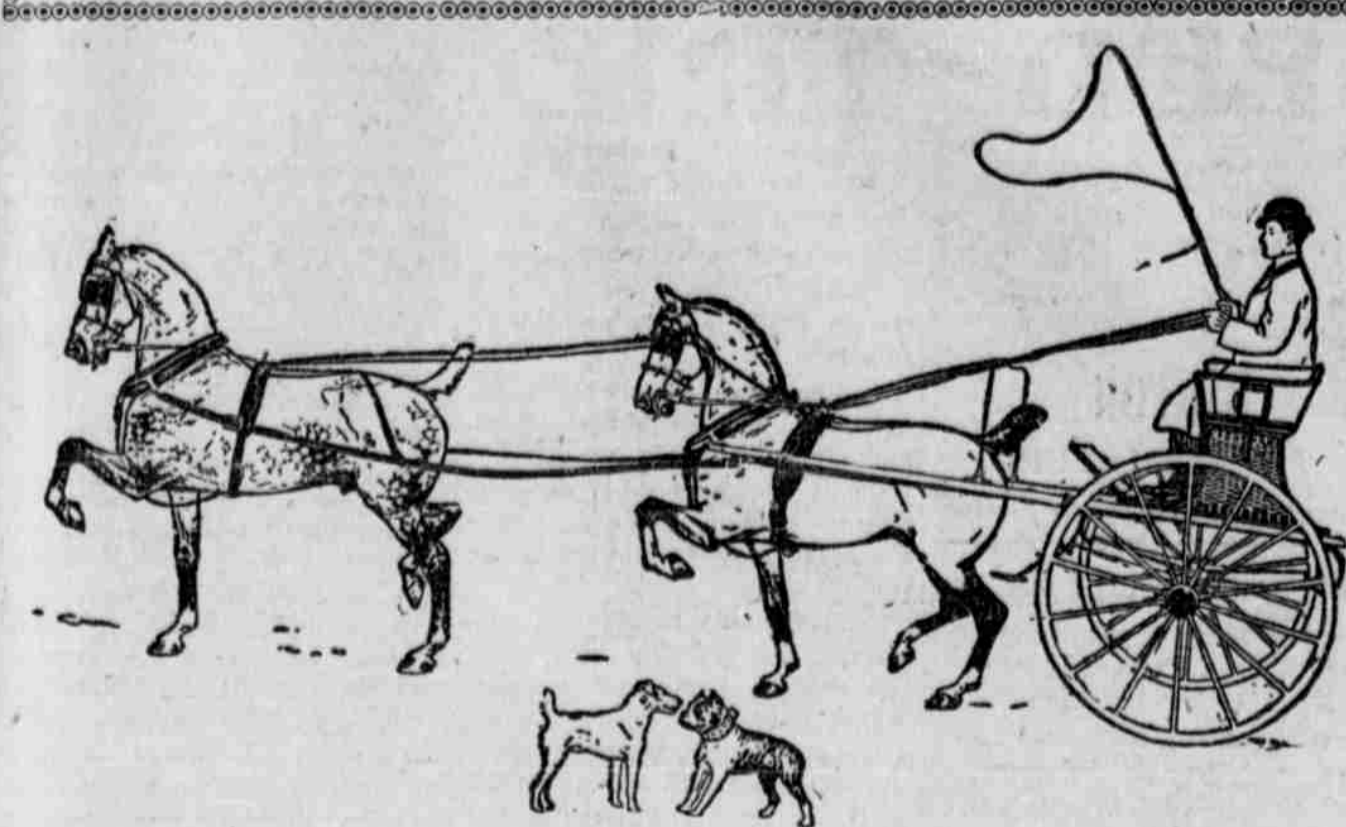
**A Dog Which Attempted Murder.**  
A dog which had attempted murder as deliberately as a human being ever did was shot by his owner in Texas recently. A rancher's wife named Harris, living near Santa Rita, had a big Irish setter, of which she was extremely fond and which was devoted to its mistress. When Mrs. Harris' first baby was born and received all the petting and cajoling which the dog regarded as belonging to him, he became intensely jealous. One day he seized the baby from the floor and bounded away with it to the river. He swam out into the current and dropped the child into the water. The baby was rescued with some difficulty and then the dog was killed.

**Duke of Hamilton to Wed.**  
The announcement of the engagement of the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon to Nina Poore, one of England's beauties, has caused widespread interest in England. The Duke of Hamilton and Brandon is premier peer of Scotland and hereditary keeper of Holyrood palace. A few years ago he was a poor lieutenant in the navy, but succeeded to the titles and the estates in 1895.

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# CHICAGO'S HORSE SHOW

The Great Society Event of the Season



ONE OF THE TURNOUTS TO BE SEEN AT CHICAGO'S HORSE SHOW.

The annual horse show in Chicago is the great society event of the season. The event begins the first Monday in November and continues for six days. Managing Director John B. Kitchen, who is practically at the head of the show this year, was instrumental in securing no fewer than 700 entries. Among the exhibitors this year are Thomas W. Lawson, George Gould, Howard Willets and William C. Whitney. Another prominent New Yorker, formerly of Chicago, who has made a

**Divorce Law Unchanged.**  
The effort made by a powerful element in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States to effect a change in its laws (regarding) divorce has failed, after a most exhaustive discussion of the matter in the convention held in San Francisco. At present the church legalizes the marriage of a divorced person where the cause for the separation is the statutory law of that state—namely adultery. The proposed law would deny remarriage while either party to the original marriage contract was living. For the proposed amendment powerful voices were raised; but fear of its effect, if adopted, coupled with a belief on the denying remarriage to the innocent victim of another's sin, defeated the part of some of the injustice of measure.

**Potatoes Yield Rich Returns.**  
The farmers of Central New Jersey have done well out of the potato crop this year. Here are some instances: Wilson Clayton, a Monmouth county grower, got 2,072 barrels from 20 acres, and he sold these for more than \$4,000. Benjamin Hays got 100 barrels of potatoes to the acre and received more than \$4,000 for his crop. Robinson brothers sold their crop early in the season, when the price was high, and got about \$7,000 for it. Bank men say that more notes have been paid off this year by the farmers than ever before.

**Thistles as a Substitute for Hay.**  
The great scarcity of hay in Kansas has led to the trial of a substitute which has long been considered worthless but which is proving itself to be of great value as a food for cattle. Russian thistles are gathered and stacked like hay for winter feeding and, despite the fact that they have millions of fine spines, each of which is as sharp as the point of a needle. Cattlemen in the section where they flourish say that when damp, cattle eat them readily, and get a good deal of nutriment from them. Malaria continues to be a greater scourge of the British army in India than any other fatal disease.

number of entries is Judge William H. Moore. Among the prominent Chicagoans who entered large stables are C. K. G. Billings, James Hobart Moore, Vernon Booth, A. Montgomery Ward, H. M. Norton and M. H. Tichenor. Mr. Billings' Little Boy, who holds the world's champion record to wagon, will also be on exhibition. H. M. Norton's famous Dr. Pitzer, with a record of 2:12 1/4, and W. Vernon Booth's champion polo pony, Brown

are alarmed and unless some rigorous steps are taken to head off this movement our moral decadence is certain to follow.

**Growing Vegetables in Alaska.**  
The chance for young men to engage in trade in Alaska are still abundant. The dairymen at Juneau is getting rich. The gardener made \$4,000 this season from a little two-acre patch of ground, despite the fact that there a great number of vegetables that will not thrive in that locality. Tomatoes will not mature. The vines thrive well, but will not produce fruit. Cabbages grow until they become immense in size, but the heads will not get hard. Potatoes grow out of the ground and are not palatable. Corn, squash, beans and cucumbers will not grow on account of the excessive moisture and cool nights. Nearly everything else in the way of vegetables can be produced in large quantities.

There are now about thirty women pastors of Unitarian churches in the United States. The latest addition to their ranks is Miss Estella R. Padgham of Syracuse, N. Y., who has just been ordained, and who has accepted a call to the pastorate of a church at Perry, Pa. Miss Padgham is a graduate of Smith College, and took a course in theology at the Theological Seminary at Meadville, Pa. William Dean Howells, the novelist, said in a recent interview that, after a desperate endeavor he had at last been able to accustom himself to dictating his letters to a stenographer, but he added that he could not dictate fiction in this manner and never expected to be able to do so.

# Girl as Acting Governor of New Jersey



MISS AGNES M. GILL

went to Buffalo to attend the exposition, taking Private Secretary Herbert Tuttle with him. Executive Clerk Edward T. Fox was taken sick the day after, thus leaving Miss Gill to act as Governor. Her duties consist principally of opening and answering the large number of letters that come every day for the Governor. Miss Gill, who is but 22, comes of a rather distinguished family. Her grandfather was Bennington Gill, head of the rich firm of agricultural tool manufacturers that did business up to a few years ago under the name of Gill & Sons. The family was wealthy. It has a record of revolutionary doings that distinguishes it. Miss Gill herself was born on the homestead at Allentown, N. J., ten miles from Trenton. It was after she was quite a girl that the family suddenly lost its wealth. Her father, Clarence N. Gill, became a railroad conductor to support his family, and today is conductor of a Pullman train between Boston and New York. Helen Gill, a sister, became a teacher, and last year had a kindergarten in their Trenton home at 290 Hamilton avenue. Miss Agnes was graduated from the Trenton high school in 1896 and entered Stuart's Business College. Then she went into a law office for a time. Helen now teaches music, and Little Disbrow, 10 years old, and worshiped by both girls, is in school. The one entanglement of the heart of the Hon. Miss Gill is her passionate love for her mother. Mrs. Gill was reared in a home of refinement. Her early married life was passed in an atmosphere of wealth and comfort. And it is to make her happy that Miss Agnes works so hard. The New Zealand government is raising the wages of its railway employees to the extent of \$100,000.