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An exchange says: "Some towns are getting up societies among residents who own lots, with rules to work for the town. Each member agrees to keep the weeds down on his premises and make a nice lawn of his grounds not used for garden or flowers. Old fences are to be righted up, and the posts which stick above the top boards are to be sawed off. Trees are to be pruned so as to look tidy, and all brush and rubbish to be raked up and burned. The streets are to be kept perfectly clean from weeds and brush so that they present an extended lawn to grow in beauty and order." This just strikes the nail squarely on the head to suit us and we move the formation of a similar society here. There is no one thing that would conduce more to the health and enjoyment of the people than a perfect system of yard culture that reaches clear to the middle of the street. If the whole town does not choose to go into it, let certain streets organize and make their streets the finest in the town. This will create a strife and work wonders in appearances. Why not here?

CARTER HARRISON, with the machinery of the municipal government of the great city of Chicago in his hands and those of his supporters, was successful the other day in re-electing himself mayor of that great city. This is very much to be regretted by all people who would prefer to see the better classes rule and control government.

The gentlemen who entered the contest against Mr. Harrison knew full well the fearful odds they had to meet in securing his defeat, if such an end were to be accomplished, they knew they had only the better classes, all ways so slow to be aroused, to pit against the lawless, idle classes of that great city with her thousands of dram shops, and her every evil influence, for months in training for the conflict. It takes just such contests to rouse the latent conservative force of the law and order side of a community; but it will be roused, now its attention is fixed upon the problem of securing the kind of a rule in Chicago her property interests demand and now that it understands and appreciates the power of its adversary it will address itself to the task of inaugurating better rule in the future. This contest in Chicago, and other great cities in this country, is calling home to the citizens, the fact that the question of the hour in this country is the securing and enforcement of good, wholesome rule in our great centers of population.

At the great age of ninety-two and full of honors, Peter Cooper, of New York City, has passed away. Measured by one standard we are apt to apply to our distinguished citizens in this country, perhaps Mr. Cooper could not be called a great man, he has never demanded or received from the people or the country, positions of trust and prominence in either his service or counsel. He has been, however, a prominent figure in American affairs for nearly half a century. He was a self-made man, an encourager of manufacturers; from his young days, he engaged in the development of our resources in the manufacture of cloth, glass, isinglass and iron. It is said he built after his own design, the first locomotive engine constructed upon this continent. He took great interest in the development of the electric telegraph; he was thoroughly conversant with the resources of this country. His greatest ambition seemed to be to see his country advanced and her industrial classes educated, and elevated; to the accomplishment of this object he gave large sums of money. He was the founder of the "Union for the advancement of Science and Art" known as Cooper's Institute in New York City, erected and endowed by Mr. Cooper at an immense cost, and dedicated to the working classes of New York City. Peter Cooper's great desire in life, as evidenced by his works and the expenditure of large sums of money, was to assist and elevate the laboring classes of his fellow countrymen. He desired their education. His education consisted in his attending school half of each day for one year only. He commenced life a poor boy, by his own exertions he became a rich man, who never forgot for a moment, the sons of toil from whose ranks he arose, and herein the HERALD finds and points out his true nobleness and greatness. A long, busy life, so lived and spent, that at the going down of the sun, the old man could look back from the windows of his son, (already opening upon the great hereafter) upon a life of good works, well spent in behalf of struggling humanity. A life of "peace on earth, good will to men." Peter Cooper in the true acceptance of the term was a great man.

Peter Cooper. Another strong tower has fallen. Peter Cooper has at last surrendered to the universal conqueror. At the age of 91 he has passed away. He had belonged to three generations, and for the greater portion of that long period he had been one of the best known and most respected of American citizens. For fifty years not to know Peter Cooper by reputation was to argue oneself unknowing, if not unknown. The outlines of his life, as sketched elsewhere, will suggest the reasons. From a shrewd business man he developed into a great promoter of legitimate enterprises, and crowded his days with philanthropy. Standing, as the country now does, by his bier, it is well to look into his face and note the outline of his character and career apart from the facts on the surface.

Of all the eminent men America has produced not one can equal Peter Cooper as a representative of our people in their best characteristics. Upon every feature was written the word practical, not in the Gradgrind sense, nor yet in the distinctive-prudential sense of Dr. Franklin. He was liberal always, and was not at all indebted to penuriousness for his great wealth. He did not get rich by cheating or oppressing somebody. No poor man could blame Peter Cooper for his poverty. Honesty was not with him the rigid requirements of the law. He would have scorned a profit made by grinding the poor or squeezing the rich. To take advantage of another was foreign to his nature. So, too, was the pennywise policy which runs through the counsels of "Poor Richard." He was a broad-gauged man in everything. He was the very essence of honesty, and might well stand as a rebuke to those low ideas of integrity which are poisoning the springs of traffic and tainting the air of trade. —Chicago Inter Ocean.

The murderers of Mr. Millett, of Hastings, have met the righteous wrath of an outraged community; and while every reflective mind must deprecate the very idea of lynch law, if capital punishment is to be practiced in this country, it is surely this class of criminals who should meet the terrible avenger. We think, however, no one will or can argue successfully, that this taking the law into the hands of a community, will prevent or restrain the murderer from taking the life of his victim. Murders will occur so long as murderers are born and educated; and no punishment, however swift and sure, will deter the hardened wretch from taking the life of his victim, when moved by the fierce passions of his depraved being, or tempted by the uncontrollable desire for his fellow man's property. This taking of human life is the punishment for violating the first great law prohibiting the shedding of blood—the killing of man by his brother. While the outraged community of Hastings have visited this sudden and swift punishment upon these depraved men, doubtless from motives which always suggest themselves to the minds of an outraged community, viz., of seeing that adequate punishment is meted out at once; still a stigma will rest upon the community, and the perpetrators of the tragedy, as well as their fellow-citizens who looked on approvingly, who will in their calmer moments regret that the good name of their law-abiding community has been sullied by the part of the citizens. Especially will this be the case in a community where the courts have always enforced the criminal laws speedily and fearlessly. To sum it all up, this lynching was an exhibition of passion upon the part of the community, which good citizens must regret.

A New Novel by Justin McCarthy. By special arrangements with Chatto & Windus, of London the Domestic Monthly will begin the publication of Justin McCarthy's new novel, "Maid of Athens," in its May number, ready April 15th, 1888. This new novel will be looked for with great interest as it is the first work that Mr. McCarthy has written since the publication of his admirable "History of Our Own Times," which was so well received a few years ago both in England and in this country. The novel promises to be by far the best that has come from Mr. McCarthy's pen, and that he has written charming novels every one who has read his "Lady Judith," or "A Fair Saxon," will testify. Mr. McCarthy is one of the most prominent of the Irish members of parliament, and it is probably owing to his laborious duties in the house of commons that he has not been able to give more time to literature. "Maid of Athens" will run for the remainder of the year in the Domestic Monthly and will be illustrated by charming designs by F. Barnard, of London. The Domestic Monthly is published by Biske & Co., 853 Broadway, N. Y., at one dollar a year, or fifteen cents a copy.

Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine. The number for May is an unusually interesting one; prominent among the many admirable articles are a continuation of "What is Presbyterianism?" the present paper being by Rev. E. F. Hatfield, D. D.; also a continuation of De Leon's "The American Pilgrim in Palestine"; the first of a series of papers by Lieutenant Schwatka, "Among the Natives of the North," and a characteristic article by the editor, "Home." There are contributions of articles, serial and short stories, sketches, essays, poems, etc., by Alferon Hervey, Adelaide Stout,

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