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The inaugural committee has a surplus of \$20,000. If it is proper, the HERALD would suggest that it be put at interest until the next presidential campaign.

The people of Dakota, as soon as Gen. Harrison was inaugurated, asked him to remove their governor without delay.

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S omission to pledge himself in his inaugural to accept office for but a single term appears to have pained a few of our Democratic contemporaries.

The failure of the congress just ended to pass the Oklahoma bill defers its enactment just one year, it should have been made a law so the land could have been settled this summer.

INQUIRY will be often made as to how many words occurred in the inaugural addresses of certain presidents, and how often the big personal pronoun I was employed.

Words, I's. Washington (first term) 1,390 20 Washington (second term) 134 6

MARCH TABLE TALK.

Table Talk for March is out with a bright, new cover—an improvement, certainly, in its outward appearance.

SIR THOMAS EDMONDS ON AMERICA.

America's triumphs are those of peace. Her symbols of victory are the spade and plowshare. She has delved the virgin soil of her vast prairies; she has released the hidden treasures of her countless mines.

"Woman! be fair, we must adore thee; Smile, and a world is weak before thee!" But how can a woman smile she is suffering untold misery from complaints from which we men are exempt?

Instinct in Dogs.

It is quite remarkable how much originality of character, or nature, is left to dogs, when we take into account that they have for more than 3,000 years been domesticated.

We used a sort of drag made of rope, which we threw on one of the runners of the sledge at its fore part, where the friction on the snow could be increased so much, by one leaning with all his weight upon it.

The young dogs, which had been accustomed to see hardly anything extraneous upon the ice around the ships or elsewhere during the whole winter, became very much excited on seeing a few birds or a seal on the ice, and could hardly be kept back by the driver and myself leaning with all our weight upon the sledge.

Typhoid Statistics. Professor Ruata, of Perugia, is authority for the statement that there are annually in Italy nearly 300,000 cases of typhoid fever, of which number 27,000 prove fatal.

A Sure Test.

Bessie—Ma and pa have been quarreling, haven't they? Willie—Yep. Bessie—Which one got the worst of it—do you know?

The Washington Style. Nowadays the average Benedict is so fond and proud of his wife that he never detracts from the splendors of her appearance by being seen with her in public.

A DEAD BRIDEGROOM.

A LIVE WOMAN AND A DEAD MAN WEDDED AT THE COFFIN'S SIDE.

The Fell Destroyer Steps Between Two Lovers, but in His Presence Their Hands Are Joined—Who and What the Interested Parties Were and Are.

I once interviewed for The Sun a young woman with bright blue eyes and a pink face who had been "married" to a dead man. She stood beside the coffin in which the dead man rested, and placed her right hand in his right hand, as her father stood at the head of the coffin and read the ceremony and answered for the voiceless lips in the coffin.

A little over a dozen years ago a seignior of the Polish aristocracy, with eminent connections in Paris, came to New York to live. He was fairly wealthy at the time, and later on was joined by his mother, a widow. They lived in a number of New York boarding houses, and at last put up permanently in one in Washington square.

The money of the mother and son began to give out, and they were joined by an aunt from Paris, whose sole wealth was in valuable paintings. The young man was stricken down with quick consumption. As his dying day approached the father and mother of the young girl suggested that the young people be married. The mother and aunt of the young man acquiesced, but before the ceremony could be performed he died.

His relatives could not speak English. They were devout members of the Catholic church, and were told by the father and mother of the young woman that the laws of the church in this country permitted a marriage between a dead man and their living daughter. The dead man's relatives at first demurred, and then acquiesced. A friend of all the parties who was present at the ceremony said that the body was in full evening dress, and was leaned up against the wall of the parlor, where its picture was taken before it was put into the coffin for the ceremony.

"Turning to Fanny, the father said: 'Wilt thou have Max for thy wedded husband?' etc., and Fanny, between her sobs, said 'Yes.' A ring that had been bought for the occasion was then slipped on the wedding finger of the young woman. All the company then had cakes and wine and a wedding jollification."

The body of that young man now rests in a sealed coffin in St. Patrick's cathedral in Mulberry street. The mother of the boy is dead. The aunt was the Countess Marie de Pruschoff. Even in the little room in Eldridge street, where she took me of this strange ceremony, she looked a veritable grand dame of France.

The mother of the boy was the Countess Etkowska. Max as a boy went to school with the Dominicans in Paris and at the Lycee Bonaparte while waiting to be admitted to the Oratorians, a learned religious order.

The parents of the girl were Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Emmertz. They frankly admitted the marriage, and so did the girl. "I loved Max very much," she said to me, "and we were betrothed. A marriage ceremony was said between us as he lay in his coffin. I was known as Mme. de Betkowska for a long time after Max's death. I took his name after the ceremony, and I want to say this: That in the event of the death of his mother and aunt I should consider myself entitled to any property that should fall to Max's widow." At the time she said this she was the wife of the Philadelphia truckman.

All the parties interested have photographs of the body in evening dress as it stood in the corner before the ceremony. The ceremony took place on Oct. 12, 1878, at 53 South Washington square. The principals all seemed to accept the ceremony as binding. The Countess Pruschoff owned the famous Murillo, "The Flagellation of Christ," on exhibition several years ago at the Metropolitan museum. There is a contest for its ownership among several lawyers growing out of this strange ceremony.—Reporter in New York Sun.

It is proposed, by a new company just formed in Brussels, to build a railroad to connect the head of navigation on the lower Congo with Stanley Pool, thus opening up a line of about 7,000 miles in the interior of Africa to trade and commerce.—Scientific American.

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