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A Great Convention Representing Half a Million Workers.

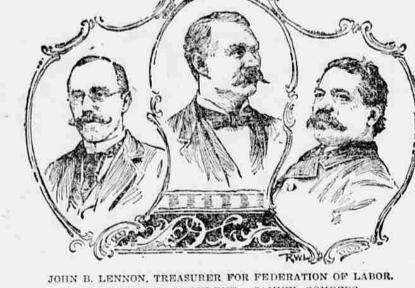
THE HISTORY OF THE WANING YEAR

THE FEDERATION OF LABOR

Prominent Labor Leaders Point Out the Advances Made, Future Prospects and the Philosophy of Trades Unionism.

(Copyright, 1995, by S. S. McClure, Limited.) NEW YORK, Dec. 5 .- Half a million workers, of almost every skilled trade, will be represented at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, whose opening session will be held in Madison Square gardon on Monday next. Delegates from Boston and San Francisco, from St. Paul and Dallas-in fact, from every considerable canter of industry in the cast and west, the and solid. north and the south will be present to take part in the counsels of the strongest combination of labor organizations now existing. The meetings will undoubtedly be full of animation from first to last. Some of them, perhaps, will be stormy. There is sure to be a vigorous contest over the election of president. John McBride, the Indiana miner, and present incumbent, will make a strong fight for re-election and may win, but there is certain to be lively opposition. Samuel Gompers, who was president continuously from the founding of the organization until last year's convention at Denver, will unand yoar's convention at a candidate. Martin Fox, iron molder of Cincinnati; John B. Lennon, general secretary of the Journey-meo Tailors and present treasurer of the federation; William B. Prescott of the printers; P. J. McGuire of the carpenters; August McCraith, the Boston printer, and several others are also mentioned as possible candidates. There is some likelihood that the differences between Eugene V. Debs' American Railway union and the old railway brotherhoods may come before the conven-tion, and if they do the livelicet sort of disthe best interests of the people, and while prior to the formation of the Federation, outcussion as to whether the federation shall or shall not indorse either party, will be precipide the unions all were enemies, now many itated. There is no doubt that a strong side the unions all were enemies, now man movement will materialize for the renewal of the bast members of the American public of the bast members of the Federa through the educational work of the Federa the headquarters from Indianapolis to a tion have become staunch friends of organized more accessible city like Chicago or labor. New York. From a small beginning in 1881, the Feder

The articles which follow, contributed by President McBride, ex-President Gompers ation has grown to its present membership



JOHN M'BRIDE, PRESIDENT. SAMUEL GOMPERS.

and Treasurer Lennon, will be found thor- of half a million, and the near future gives oughly illuminating as to the present condi-tion, recent history and future possibilities membership. From its organization until of the organization. January, 1895, Samuel Compers was the chief of the organization PRESIDENT M'BR

Labor in 1881, at Pittsburg, Pa., some effort for an eight-hour work day for all labo had been made to units the efforts of the or, if it be regarded as more practical, one few existing national and local trade unions, or more trades may be selected (with the On every hand the scattered unions were met with determined opposition from employers, consent of the organizations interested), and at the proper time make the demand; our from nonunion lattor and from the general mass of citizens. The thoughtful trade unionist wzs not slow to see that the trade entire organizations and their resources being pledged to the support of the movement. I. The enforcement of the eight-hour law, and is extension to all government employes, J. That all work for the government shall nion movement was not understood, and that the twas impossible for an isolated union to 3. Secure a hearing. These things made a by combination of all existing unions an absolute out accessity. It was essential that some method 4. performed by the government, with-the intervention of contractors. The enactment of a law by the general necessary. It was essential that some method should be adopted through which the people could be brought to understand and realize that trade unions stand for law and order, and do not threaten the destruction of any-thing that is good or useful to mankind. But the trade union is an organization. In each case, of the workers in some particular craft and as such should have the absolute government and by the several states pro-hibiting the employment of women and children in factories, shops, mills or mines for a longer period than eight hours a day." The recommendation received the endorse ment of the committee, which had it under onsideration for several days in these words raft, and as such should have the absolute

"Your committee heartily approves of the suggestion to revive the agistion looking for craft, and as such should have the absolute right to manage its own trads affairs. This rendered it impossible from the first, three-fore, for trade unionists to consider an amaigamation that would so unite in one organization all existing unions as to wipe but trade lines of organization, with one certral board of management to givern all. the establishment of an eight-hour day, and would recommend that this convention select May 1, 1896, for its enforcement, the details thereof to be arranged at the next conven-tion." The report and recommendations were hen unanimously adopted by the convention, will thus be seen that a most important All trade unionists comprehend that trade organizations were the natural form of organ-ization; that the identical personal interests of all the members made the union permanent of all the members made the union permanent regression I would make, my answer would be: With little variation, follow the plan Those who founded the Federation planned, therefore, to unite all unions, and at the same adopted at the Boston convention. That is, time leave to each absolute authority over give power to the executive council of the time leave to each absolute authority over give power to the executive council of the trade affairs. In other words, the Federation federation to select one or two trades who was based on the lines of a republic-lines, desire the distinction and who are best pre-greatly similar, in fact, to the lines of the pared to achieve success. Direct that all unions assess their members a small sum weekly for a short period and to commence lis collection about March, 1896; that all trades not now enjoying the eight-hour work day appoint committees to wait on their rerederation of the different states in our gen-eral government. The Federation is, then, just what its name implies-a Federation of national and international unions for general purposes and objects that can best be secured by the united efforts of all combined, chief by the united efforts of all combined, chief among which are the education of all the people as to what the trade union stands for, and the areating of all the trade union stands for, and the areating of all the trade union stands for, letter to employers preliminary to the visit of such committees; that the wage workers and the creation of a clearer public opinion on questions of vital interest to labor-such as of all trades and callings be called upon to rally around the unions of their trades and to organize thoroughly and compactly to the the reduction of hours of labor, the increase of school advantages for the children of our country, restriction of the employment of woman and children in workshops and mills, end that the demand may be acceded to without unnecessary friction or feeling. I factory inspection and regulation, improved would urge that the press and pulpit, philanthrophists and reformers unite in winsanitary conditions in the construction of homes for wage eitners, etc. In this work ning public opinion to the side of labor in this most righteous cause for a better citizinit has become an exceedingly great power through its officials on the rostrum and by ship, a nobler manhood, a more brautiful womanhood and a happier childhood—to make of this life one that may more closely re-semble the promised life to come. means of its publications, the masses have come to realize that trades unions stand for

SAMUEL GOMPERS. LABOR AND INDUSTRY.

A German has invented an incandescent

imp apparatus for showing the interior of ollers while filled with steam. The current output of pig iron to Novem per 1 was at the stupendous rate of 11,250,000

ons for the year. After a shutdown of three months the shops of Aultman, Miller & Co., Akron, O., have resumed operations. Some 1,300 hands are affected. The Co-operative Age is responsible for the statement that Eugene V. Debs has now filled 2,000 calls for speeches in various parts

of the United States. The Granby Cotton Mills' buildings at Columbia, S. C., are being pushed to completion as rapidly as possible and will be completed in January. An equipment of 15,000 spindles and 1,050 looms has been ordered, and will be put in at the start and increased gradually to 30,000 spindles. The main building is a four-story one, 372 by 127 feet, and is to contain every modern mill improvement. Product is to be fine sheetings and twills. The report of the United States inspector of coal mines in Utah to the secretary of the interior shows that there are thirly mines in the territory, three of which are idle. The output of these twenty-seven mines for the year ending June 30, 1895, was 511,332 tons. In New Mexico the annual report of the inspector shows that the output of coal for the year was 673,260 tons, and of coke

progress made by the United The great Garment Workers of America is shown by trict councils have been created, and three dis-by the lack of of pullating medium. Trouble between the lack of a formulating medium. Trouble between the local Knights of Laber-and their allies over the organization of an assembly of musiciano seems, after a great deal of discussion and conference, to have tem. the annual report of General Secretary Reich-ers for the fiscal year just ended. During

Continued Depression Causing a Rough Time for Them.

TESTING THE LABOR UNIONS

THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1895.

STILL TRYING TO HANG TOGETHER Successful as to Give Hope that They Will Pull Through

-General Kelly Coming.

Naturally the long business depression is roving a sore trial to the labor organizations In Omaha and it is generally agreed that they are being submitted to the severest test that could well be devised. If their strength holds out until a revival of better times no onconnected with them will be much inclined to discuss even from a speculative standpoint the question whether such organizations have the stuff in them to survive any sort of adversity, for it will be regarded as settled. So dubious is the outcome held to 19 that conservative members are filled with very fear that every society bearing the name of labor will go to wreck, and that the work done in the past will have to be done over with only the advantage of the melancholy experience. Certain ones seem already to have given up and do not hesitate to say that even now the greater number of unions are but shadows, keeping up the form in most instances of organization, but being in fact without any vitality. Others leaning very strongly to this view of the case seem to believe that the dark heavens are full of signs and omens and that the general organizations which have commanded recognition in holding the disciplined forces of the labor army on occasions of great strikes must pass away to be superseded by some system that shall come nearer to bringing all classes of those who toil under its banner and in more perfect armony than heretofore.

harmony than heretofore. In this connection a great many are inclined to feel that the American Railway union is the coming dispensation. Its present leader is looked upon as something of an apostle and an oracle whose prophecies many put great confidence in. Certain it is that of all the general labor bodies this is the one that is just now the most active in recruiting both throughout the country and in this city. It is said that in the last two weeks about five local unions have come into existence, and while it is the impression that its work is chiefly with railroad men, still it is recognized that its whole scheme is much more extensive than this, contemplating, indeed, nothing leve than a uniting of all the labor forces of the country so as to have a power never before at command in pressing its demands. HOPE TO WEATHER THROUGH.

With the rank and file, however, the fact that the anions have so far weathered the storm has caused great hope that they will continue to do so to the end. It is undoubt-edly true that the majority of the trades have been weakened by the exodus of members to other points to seek employment, and among them a great many of the best me-chanics and artisans the city had, for this class, always able to get employment when there is any, is the first to migrate when work becomes scarce and wages poor. Those who remain are for the most part men who have some property interests or families here and who are therefore in a sense tied down." It is estimated that in the last eighteen monthe or two years about 200 members of the car-penters' unions have left the city, and the other unions have shiftered from similar emigration. Unions that were so fortunate when th

stress began as to have fairly good treasuries have been able to carry those members who have not been able to keep up their dues, but others are feeling terribly the debility caused

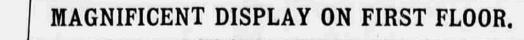
EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS

Realizing that a great many people in this city desire to be remembered to their friends during the holidays, but are not in position to pay cash down for such purchases, we have decided to place our magnificent stock of up-to-date furniture and house furnishings at their disposal, and make terms that will be most convenient. Can you select from these?

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Onyx Cabinets. Shaving Stands, Banquet Lamps, Lace Curtains, Japanese Rugs, Rope Portieres, Pitchers and Vases





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ees and vivid personality of Walter Dam-

However, when you sit down below, among

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COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 2 .- The coming con

vention of the American Federation of Labor will last seven or eight days and it is expected will be the largest in the history of the organization. Returns from the smaller unions show that they will be well repreunions show that they will be won repar-sented, that all the national and international bodies will send deligates and that the cen-tral labor unions and state federations will make a good showing. Two delogates from the trade unions of England, Mesers. Cowes

the convention will be the plan for the gen-eral introduction of the eight hour day. At the Denver convention last year it was voied the perver convention has direction on May 1, 1856, and it is expected that some definite plan will be mapped out by the New York convention. The attempt to force the trade unions into politics, along independent party unions into politics, along independent party lines, received a quietus at Denver and it is not expected that a similar movement will be pursuel at New York. The officers of the organization consider the past year to have organization consider the past year to have been a trying one, as a whole, owing to the business depression. During the past few minish the working time each day as eventubeen a trying one, as a whole, owing to the business depression. During the past few monthy however, there has been great im-provement. At the beginning of the year strong efforts were put forth to better the distressing condition of the scamen. A com-mittee, composed of A. Fuerseth of the Sea-tion of Labor the cardinal point of its ac-tivity has been to secure the reduction of m n's union and A. Stranser of the cigar-makers, was sent to Washington and they funlly succeeded in securing the passage of what was known as the Maguire bills, with labor's demands.

resulting great benefit. No great srikes other than those of the garment workers have occurred during 1895. garment workers have occurred during 1895. The unions having been mestly engaged in erengthening and husbanding their resources. The iron mold is have had some local strikes and have made considerable gains in wages. The garment workers have been successful In five out of six cities in which they have struck for increased pay, the ptrike in Roch-exter sione failing to yield a victory. The federation's executive council has succeeded in adjusting a number of difficulties and savbers of employers had conceded the demand It is well known that the bomb thrown a eral boycotts that have been running for some months have been removed, concessions favorable to the unions directly concerned the Haymarket square, Chicago, May 2, 1886, was the death blow to the movement that year. But notwithstanding that setback, the having been won in each case. International Typographical union has been practically suc-cessful in securing prices and hours on the typosetting machines, and has gained close on to thirty battles during the past few boon of a shorter work-day had been won for hundreds of thousands. In 1886 at the St. Louis convention the de-mand was renewed for May 1, 1890. At the Boston convention of 1889, however, it was decided to select one craft at a time to make months. The miners have had considerable difficulty in the course of the year, but have finally settled matters without serious comthe demand and struggle if necessary, dications. The following international unions best organized and best propared craft to be the first. The carpenters were chosen and have been chartered since the last convention: Lace curtain operators, potters, ma-chinists, tobacco workers, agents, granite cuttors, printing pressmen, boot and shoe won a splendid victory, establishing the eight-hour-day in fifty-nine citles, and nine hours in over 300 others. At their own reworkers, besides 141 local unions direct and over 300 through the national organizations. Central labor bodies have been instituted in quest the miners were chosen next, but, owing to unfavorable industrial conditions, they withdrew from the field on the very day they were to make the demand. It should be stated that as the result of the movement the eight-hour day was generally brought about in the building trades, and Kansas, Maine, Texas, Ohio, Dakota, Pennsyl-vania and Illinois. It is estimated that be-fore the year closes the total membership of

the federation will have been increased by about 100,000. that there was a general reduction in the work-day of the toilers in many other in-dustries and callings, such as street car emsummer two federation delegates attended the British Trade Union congress and also visited a number of European cities, inployes, the railroad workers, sign in the iron and steel industries, printing establishments, restigating the condition of labor there and the progress of the trade union movement a delegates will make their report at the York convention and there is much nterest and speculat on regarding its probable

A considerable sum of money was expended by the federation in the defense of Eugene Debs, although teither he ner his organiza-tion is connected with the federation. Baause of the matiner in which Mr. Debs was At the beaver convention of the American Federation of Labor 1 recommended in the following language that the movement be again renewed: "It may be true that we have not been centirely successful in the past generally to establish the eight-hour workcause of the manner in words ar, bees was convicted, without a jury trial, the federa-tion has drawn up and will submit to con-gress a bill prohibiting judges from passing on violations of law which are already covered by statute, and a strong effort will be made in enact this lute law. Various legislative matters, dealing with immigration and union have been attended to during the year. The federation, it should be understood, however, is not opposed to the admission of foreign workmen; on the contrary, a resolu-tion was adopted at the last convention dethe way are an extriction unnecessary, not to say a violation of natural rights. It is with the "Padrone" and "Sweater" im-migrants that the federation has fault to find. The funness of the federation are in good

The finances of the federation are in good JOHN M'BRIDE

GROWTH OF THE FEDERATION PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.-Prior to the ormition of the American Federation of

executive and to his ability and judicious management were due in no small degree its rapid growth and steady prosperity, which have so changed the attitude of the public A mechanical hammer has been invente owards trade unions, and their objects, that oday the solution of the industrial problem s an absorbing question to many grades of from the college professor to the poorest

paid laborer. Realizing that the present status is largely due to the work of the Federation, I feel safe n assuming the role of a prophet and venture the prediction that the organization and its The most important maiter to come before attached trade unions are now crossing the threshold of the greatest era of prosperity they have ever known.

JOHN B. LENNON.

operating passenger railway cars in Birming PROPOSED EIGHT-HOUR MOVEMENT. nam, England, by steam, cable, horses and electricity, gives an unexpected result as to the latter. The net carnings per train mile NEW YORK, Dec. 3 .- That which is known as the eight-hour movement would be more from steam were 9.54 cents, from horses 1.62 cents, from cable 12.74 cents, and there was a oss of 34 cents per train mile from elec per train mile by cable, 20.24 cents by horses, 22.44 cents by cable and 32.76 cents by elec tricity. In speaking of the Keely motor, "Megar-gee," in the Philadelphia Times, says: "What has become of all the money? That is a mighty difficult question to answer. Keely

man's working time. At no convention o other gathering has this been lost sight of o himself is a rough, crude man, whose per-sonal habits are not expensive. There is no even subordinated to any other feature of doubt, however, that vast sums have been expended in useless machinery, devices and tools. One piece of mechanism, which cost In 1884 at the convention held in Chicago the declaration was made for the enforce

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\$40,000, was paid for and immediately re-jected by the inventor because he claimed ment of a general cight-hour work-day there was a flaw in it. He thinks nothing of spending \$20,000 for a piece of machinery and a few weeks afterward throwing it aside as some date in the near future. At the folowing convention held in Washington, D. C., n 1885, the demand was reiterated to take useless. In that queer-looking workshop of his in Twentleth street, above Master, he effect May 1, 1886, and requests were sent to employers generally to meet the wish of the workers by granting it without the cossacertainly does perform the most marvellous things, but how he does it no one but tion of work-in other words a general strike. Weeks before the date named reports reached the office of the federation that large numself knows. I doubt if any one ever will." TEXAS SIFTINGS.

The lay of the land-a national hymn.

Close quarters-25-cent pieces held by a miser. One who never drinks behind the bar-the

nosquito. How to take care of your eyes-keep a civil tongue in your head.

A live man should not want the earth-he should be above it. The man with a new gold watch seldon

knows what time it is. Japan boasts of a singing fish. It has na-

tional scales, we suppose. The man carried away by enthusiasm frequently brought back in disgust.

Shakespeare never billed his plays. Yet, he builded better than he knew, Bill did. The groctr never sings "My way is dark

and lonely." His weigh is usually light. There is no boxer equal to the undertaker the after all. He is able to lay any man out. The easlest and best way to expand the chest is to have a good large heart in it.

Another peaceful Indian has been discovered in Montana. He has been petrified over 1,000 mills and factories and even clerks in stores. Since the movement of 1890 there has been no concert of action on this line, due no years.

The statesmen of both parties are in perfect doubt to the industrial and commercial crisis accord on one thing. They all want to be of the past two years, but this has not de-terred many independent and isolated movepresident next time, Language fails to paint a woman as the cycs of a lover see her. Pearl rouge is more

ments which have met with a considerable degree of success. pt to hit the charmer. At the Denver convention of the American Whenever you hear a fellow begin the conversation by saying, "There is no use talk-

ing," prepare yourself for a flood. When a tranip insolently demands a meal of a Texas woman she shoves a pistol against his

day. We should bear in mind, however, that no real great reform or improvement was ever attained by the first or even the second attempt. The questions with us should be, is the eight-hour work-day a rightful debread basket, and proposes to give it to him by the barrel Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises mand? Is it worth striving for? Will it prove advantageous to the workers and the people generally? If we answer either or all sores, ulcers, sait rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give per-fect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 centa per box. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

mendation-and to me both it and the time seem opportune-let it make the declaration openly and boldly. We can and will secure is not and never has been one of them. Hisr There are now four duchesses of Marl-

It both on the economic and political field. We can propare for and insist upon: 1. The preparation for a universal demand solute, keeping her Lady Blandford.

reached a point where nothing further can be done in bringing about a settlement. The last effort was a week ago Wednesday night.

when a committee of the state federation, the arbitration committee, came down to Omaha and sought to bridge the chasm between the Back to take the place of a blacksmith's assistant. It is known as the ready striker. A fifty-LIFE'S knights and the Central Labor union. Each side adhered stubbornly to its position and pound hammer is always in position over the anvil, and it is manipulated by a lever under Foot Ball, Sleighing and German side adhered stubborniy to its position and all hope of coming to pleasant terms has been quite abandoned. The knights repeat the charge that the local branch of the Musicians Protective union did not comport itself in a manner consistent with labor ethics charging labor bodies on occasions of ontrol of the workman's foot. It is so constructed that it will strike over any part of the anvil surface, including the horn. The power is applied by the blacksmith's foot, the sledge being so evenly balanced between two tempered steel coils that but little exer-tion is needed. The springs give the bammer thics, charging labor bodies on occasions plenics and parades exorbitant prices for bands and cutting the price to other parties a remarkably elastic, but powerful motion. when it knew that it must submit to compe-tition and be unable to enjoy the monopoly which made the acceptance of its terms pracof The Bee.)-One does not need to live long An interesting table, showing the cost of in Chicago in order to live a great deal Fancy a Thanksgiving in which you spend tically compulsory in the former cases. Under these circumstances the knights are well the forenoon at the University of Chicago against Michigan university foot ball game enough satisfied that they have an assembly which already has four or five bands in the afternoon in sleigh riding on the boulevards, and the evening at a Wagnerian opera its ranks. RECEPTION FOR KELLY. n the Auditorium.

With this friction among thim the labor circles of the city are glad that at present a Any one of the three furnishes enough noise and excitement to last an ordinary lifetime little enterprise is on foot in which they can all enthusiastically unite and that is the plan but all three in the same day leave you feelof bringing General Kelly of Kelly army fame to Omaha for a speech at a mass meeting just about as Tannhauser looks when, as the libretto has it, with a fearful crash Venus ing. In fact, the matter has been settled and the time agreed on. Kelly has been putting in several months traveling over the and her mountain, her nymphs and her bacchantes disappear instantly, and he finds himself standing in a lonely valley in the mouncountry making addresses in the interests of signalized labor, and will deliver an address it Knights of Labor hall December 20 or 21. He comes under the auspices of District as-sembly 126, and will receive a rousing re-

ception. Just now the horseshoers seem to merrier than any other class of workmen, for the recent fall of snow and the ice that has followed has given them plenty to do. "That snow," said one of the borses, "has been worth a dollar an ounce to us." All of the shops are full and many of them are open in the evening. The Journeymen Horseshoers union will elect officers on Wednesday evening of next week. At its last meeting Carpenters and Joiners

union No. 427 elected efficers as follows: President, Robert McKennon; recording scoretary, J. H. Tracy: financial secretary, M. H. McConnell; treasurer, Fred Schuebel. About all the carpenters are having to do are small tobs and metoling, and the brickburger small bs and patching, and the indeed all the building trades, are much in yell. It is a part of a modern education. She pitches her volce low and it comes from her lungs, not her throat. It was a pleasure to hear Dr. Myra Reynolds yell, not only be-

the same condition. A COLONY OF SKELETONS.

A WARNING.

Harper's Magazine.

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cause she was yelling on the right side, but also because she is not satisfied with being merely one of the most successful professors New York Four Hundred Has Enoug

 New York Four Hundred Has Enough and to Spare.
James J. Van-Alen will not suffer socially as a result of his recent escapade, says the Society of the U. of C., but has been ambitious enough to learn how to help out on the "Go it. Chica." enthusiastically and musically at this winter, having organized a yachting this winter, having organized a yachting of the "four hundred." Dr. Seward Webb is sticking stanchiy to his friend. Thanks to him, there will be none of the terrible reveli-tions expected and New York society breathes trong expected and New York society breathes the second to far the con-number of families are said to fear the con-sequences of a general public cleansing of soiled linen. This feud is society's one dread. Rumor, as the late Ward McAllister pithily put it, is ever flying about New York with the death's head of scandal. Some of these days, he would add, the peril will become inevitable and the country will be shocked. Indeed, whether desarved or not, society is rapidly acquiring a reputation far from enviable. The old-timers are perpetually ox. rapidly acquiring a reputation far from enviable. The old-timers are perpetually ex-

heard anywhere but at a ball game would have made your teeth chatter and your hair pressing wonder that the moral explosion is deferred so long. No concealment is made of the fact that Mrs. Cleveland will, under stand on end. Then he went dashing off, scattering the crowd before him like a young center rush with the ball under his arm. His no circumstances, have anything to do with New York society, fearing the consequences family ought to bottle a few gallons of that yell and keep it to wake him up with. hanging over the heads of its members. better not go sleigh riding on the

element has possession of the town. Of course, it is rather interesting to observe how wildly hilarlous you can be with a violen death constantly staring you in the face, for i

THE CHICAGO GIRL.

As for the Wagner opera, it is glorious, but

As for the Wagner opera, it is glorious, but passed for something to do. As a conse-it was a little difficult on that particular quence, they squirm and gesticulate a is very clamorous and aggressive present and go the recital. In your unregenerate condition back to the twilight of the gods. You do this sometimes seems extremely funcy. Then, Georgia justice united two lives. the Her aim is sure, unerring is the dart; . And woe be unto him who anywhere Finds one of these imbedded in his heart.

the mass sh eyes how he was led but then she is to return to her, this is the happy combinacolors in one costume, creature more of heart than of art, and if tion of sounds in which she must do so. "Was war es dann, das euch zuruckge she has any affectation, it is that she affects

not having any affectation. Then, too, she has beauty so commonly that you cease to notice it. Perhaps "her manners have not Even Klafsky's voice, that has a crooning tonderness in it like that of a mother sing-ing to her first born, makes sad work of this. Then, too, the listener brought upon that repose that marks the cast of vere de were," but they have the vivacity which marks superabundant good health, intense inan injudicious mixture of Bellini, Verdi and Rossini waits while the ocean of discord heaves and tumbles and at last rolls off inte terest in everything and everybody, and a knowledge of the world that is simply appalling. She is an excellent chaperone for a river of harmony, harkening painfully to the little rills that break forth now and then her mother. She always knows just what o do in any emergency, and says what she and threaten to ripple into melody. But they never do, and the great sounds roll thinks in half a dozen different languages, they never do, and the great sounds roll majestically on, leaving you baffled and hun-gry and disappointed. You quite sympathize with the very candid your g team who has not so much music as melody in his soul and says with an air of honest indignation, "I wish that fellow would leave off shouting and sing something." with too much frankness, perhaps, but with wonderful fluency and correctness, if not irreproachable accent. She has been every-where, heard all the best music, seen all the best pictures, read all the best books and can still get no end of fun out of singing and sing something." Clemantine or some other college doggerel and enjoys looking into a State street show

STUDYING EGYPT.

window as thoroughly as if she had never The proper study of womankind, and a w mankind, at present, is Egyptology. Perbeen in Paris. She stands up in a street car as unconcernedly as she rides in her carriage, and if she ever thinks that some man ought haps the popularity of Egypt is somewhat en-hanced by the popularity of Prof. Breasted, to get up and give her a seat, she certainly never looks it. You simply cannot study her theroughly, for before you are half through who is blonde and handsome and debonnaire, and spent several years in that country calwith your investigations you will be so ecting curies and information. The Egyptian of her that her faults seem virtues and what room at the Art institute was arranged under struck you at first as being peculiar will grow to be simply piquant. his supervision, and it is the center of attraction for the time being. To the Chicago girl in the mass I owe i

DESCRIPTIVE ART.

The Omaha young man is not satisfied with the official young man is not satisfied with the catalogue at the Art institute. He thinks that the descriptions of the pictures are not full enough. For instance, of No. 6, Field collection, it says: "Landscape. A bit of road slanting across left foreground, leading to a hamlet at the foot of a hill, which rises toward the right and is continued in the d toward the right and is continued in that di-

rection to the other end of the canvas. The same hill has a slope toward the foreground. on which a string of clothes is hanging out to dry. Heavy sky, with spot of white cloud over top of hill." He thinks that the editor leaves entirely and be seen, but if you really want to hear and see the opera, only come with me on Saturday."

On Saturday I came, not in full dress and oo much to the imagination of the observes and ought to throw in a few remarks about the frame and add that it was not a good day for drying clothes.

On Saturday I came, not in full dress and a carriage, but in a waterproof coat and a street car. The Auditorium is fourieon stories high. "Courage," said the Chicago girl, as we climbed, "heaven is not reached at a single bound." About the time we had reached the thirteenth story I folt a keen ap-preclation of the anecdote told of a man who panting and bewildered asked of the usher who still waved him upward, "Is God in." We reached the family circle at last how. The catalogue says of No. 184: "Man with jug. Half length, three-quarter face turned to right. Jug held by handle and tilted over so that the hinged lid falls open. Right side of face and right hand in full light. High black feit hat. Reddish-We reached the family circle at last, howthinks that the editor errs and brown yest. ever. It ought to be called the swallow's nest, for it literally hangs from the cornice again he leaves too much to the understanding. He of the dome. You have a perfect view of the stage and only the stage. No boxes full of rainbow-hued costumes to distract you and says that the uncertainty as to what was of is in that jug preys upon his mind, and he wants it plainly stated in the catalogue.

SPEAKING ABOUT PEOPLE.

music comes there though, and almost any-one will admit that "distance lends enchant-By all means go and see the "Queen's Neck aco" when it arrives in Omaha. It ought to be called "The Millinery Opening," but even ment" to Wagner. The faintest, softest note comes upward like a sigh and the "chorus of drums' just in jured by remoteness. No librettos or fine clothes up here, but water-proofs and intelligence. To be brief, every-body looked like somebody and acted like nobody. There was not a whisper as such is well worth seeing. Mrs. Potter re-minds you of nothing so much as a smart little girl, speaking her piece and showing off her new clothes.

It seems to me that some one at som while the music lasted, but between acts you could get an immense amount of time has tried to impress it upon me that You learn that this has been cut shamefully from peo-ple who seemed well enough posted to miss a sonal mentions. Chicago still goes on en-riching herself at the expense of Omnha. Frank C. Gallagher fills with great credit to ingle bar of the music. You learn just how Frau Materna differs from Frau Klafsky in the rendition of a single phrase, and learn himself-so says the head of his department-a responsible position on the staff of the Chronicle, and Mr. Kurtz Hare re-cently brought back as his bride that there is a great deal that you have to learn about "winds" and "strings" and "brasses." Then the music begins again, cently brought back as his bride Miss Ellingwood, leaving Omaha the lozer of one wonderfully pretty girl. Ex-Mayor R. Q. earth fades, the occupants of the family cir-cle are "On the bills like gods together carcless of mankind," and the something that guides you, leads you, draws you into the dim land of the Gods and Herors, the Cushing and family are recent acquisition and Mrs. Cushing dispenses hospitality their Michigan avenue home with all her of time grace. This house is headquarters for the Omaha colony. something to which all eyes turn wittingly or unwittingly, it not the wonders evoked

Mr. J. Oberfelder and family are still ane by the scene shifters, not the golden voice of other gain that is your loss. At a recent feto given in honor of her birthday, Miss the picturesque costumes and Hattle Oberfelder, whose beauty and charm of manner was much commented upon, was literally embowered in roses. The roses did not come from Omaha, but the gentleman rivolous and noting your impressions, it strikes you that the recitatives are too character declaims the others are rather hard pushed for something to do. As a conse-timence they sould be do. As a conset the sould be do.

"Will you take this here woman fer beb

If you are afflicted with nerves you had vards, especially on a day when the college

is not good form to take your pleasure seri-ously in Chicago. Then, toe, it is comforting to romember that the gray-coated boulevard police are always on hand to send for the ambulances and see all debris promptly re-

When fair Priscilla takes her bow in hand And sends the arrow flying through th air. It must be said it is not safe to stand On any spot save by the target there.

A tree off to the left perchance she'll hit; Perchance into the hedge that grows near by, or to the right the shaft will chance to flit; But to the target it will ne'er come nigh. moved.

But when her eye speeds glances,

tains. Add to all this a Thanksgiving din-ner, and it is not to be wondered at if your that for two successive nights I gave to Wagner one-half my attention and none of freams are a strange jumble of college yells and Wagner music, of Herr Alvary wearing sleigh bells and prancing around in a marcon my heart, but to the Chicago girl in the in dividual I owe it that swept on by a sea of sweater, and Frau Klafsky blowing a tin sound I reached the hall of minstrels at the Wartburg and heard contending for the prize in song not Berthold Mertens, but Walter Of course the foot ball game is history, and there is no use now in telling von der Vogelweid and Wolfrau von Eschenhow many yards of marcon ribbon you wore and how Chicago lost, even though Henry T THE OPERA FROM A DIZZY HEIGHT. Clarke of Omaha did play on her side. "You see it is this way," she explained, "down here it is all fuss and feathers and see One sees some very funny things in such places, even though the touchdowns are all being made behind the wrong goal. Think

of a Michigan mamma weighing about 250 pounds executing a war dance and waving what looked like an umbrella made of yellow chrysanthemums, tied with a few dozen yards of blue sash ribbon and yelling in that earplitting fashion peculiar to the woman of day vefore yesterday. Your woman of today has cultivated her

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Opera All in One Day-Glimpses

of the Chicago Girl and Chi-

caro Art-Omaha Colony.

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