

The fire last Sunday morning again showed the vital necessity of fire hydrants for the use of firemen. Three hose carts clustered about a hydrant which they did not have the privilege of using, while a residence was fast being consumed, household goods, furniture, and property, some of which had been in a family for over fifty years, were priced a hundred fold beyond its intrinsic value, were being destroyed and the flames threatening destruction to neighboring houses, was the sight that presented itself at the fire Sunday morning. Further the hose house of Sharp Hose company is within two blocks of where the fire occurred. We have it from the lips of N. H. Gilbert, for twenty-five years a fireman and for a number of years Chief of the department, that Prof. Clapp and from Mr. Whitman, all men of judgment and the first at the fire, that could this hose cart have been taken from the barn and attached to the hydrant corner of Rochester and Fourth streets, when they first appeared the fire, in their judgment, could have been extinguished with comparatively small damage to the building.

It is high time that our village board took some action in regard to the use of hydrants for fire purposes, to endeavor to come to some agreement with the water works company. We understand that the company are willing to give the matter to a committee of arbitrators, two appointed by the board and one by themselves, who shall decide as to the price the village should pay for hydrants, their decision to be final. If such is the case, the board of trustees, as persons placed in power by the citizens of this village, look after the interests of the village, are not fulfilling their obligations unless they give this matter their earnest and careful attention.

A NUMISMATIC COLLECTION.

The Large and Varied Private Collection of Coins in the Possession of a Schenectadian.

William Fairgrieve, of this city, has in his possession one of the largest and most varied private collections of coins in the United States money, they are as follows: Austria, 1; Brazil, 1; Borneo, 2; Belgium, 1; British India, 9; Canada, 3; Ceylon, 3; China, 5; Cochinchina, 1; Ceylon money, 1; Corea, 10; Dutch East India, 3; Egypt, 4; England, 6; France, 4; Germany, 2; Greece, 2; Holland, 1; Hong Kong, 2; Hungary, 1; Italy, 3; Japan, 11 (7 old style, 4 new); Mexico, 1; Morocco, 1; Norway, 1; Old Irish, 1; Portugal, 10; Russia, 7; Sandwich Islands, 1; Spain, 11; Siam, 8; Straits Settlement, 6; Sarawak, 2; Turkey, 2; Unknown, 2.

The silver coins amount to about \$30 in face value; they are 106 in number and represent 39 countries, as follows: Belgium, 2; British East India, 3; Bolivia, 1; Borneo, 1; Canada, 1; China, 5; Corea, 2; Dutch East India, 3; England, 6; Egypt, 4; France, 4; French East India, 3; Germany, 2; Greece, 2; Holland, 1; Hong Kong, 2; Hungary, 1; Italy, 3; Japan, 11 (7 old style, 4 new); Mexico, 1; Morocco, 1; Norway, 1; Old Irish, 1; Portugal, 10; Russia, 7; Sandwich Islands, 1; Spain, 11; Siam, 8; Straits Settlement, 6; Sarawak, 2; Turkey, 2; Unknown, 2.

The St. Andrew's Day Swindler.

A large number of people including many operatives in the factory invested money in land through the so-called St. Andrew's day land company. As has been previously stated this company is a fraud. The Tallahassee printed in Tallahassee, Fla., recently published the following:

St. Andrew's Day swindlers, of Cincinnati, have been caught at last in the meshes of the law. One of the principals in the concern, a man by the name of Davis, has been indicted by the United States grand jury for using the mails for sending purposes. His arrest and conviction was made after a long and tedious investigation by the government as to the methods, character and business of the company. The grand jury, composed of the leading moral and business men of Florida, and looked the whole matter over in different lights, and found that the company was a fraud, and that the money was being used for the purpose of defrauding the public. The grand jury, therefore, indicted Davis for using the mails for sending purposes. His arrest and conviction was made after a long and tedious investigation by the government as to the methods, character and business of the company. The grand jury, composed of the leading moral and business men of Florida, and looked the whole matter over in different lights, and found that the company was a fraud, and that the money was being used for the purpose of defrauding the public. The grand jury, therefore, indicted Davis for using the mails for sending purposes.

The personal of the Commission consists of Gov. Patterson, of Pennsylvania, Elihu Root, prominent lawyer and Democratic leader of this city and David Little of Illinois.

They have a duty to perform that few men would care to undertake. In brief, it is to discover the financial methods of Gould, Sage, Huntington & Co. To the most superficial observer, it must be apparent that these gentlemen, composing this commission of investigation mean business; and it is equally patent to the same observer that those needing this examination are as fully determined to tell as little as possible. Both Gov. Patterson and Mr. Anderson are acute observers, trained financiers and successful financiers. If they fail to unearth the cause that have prevented the Government receiving its first due it will be due to the moral delinquencies that so very frequently appertain to the deals of Wall Street.

The story so told of one day last week was something like this: A rival line to the Union Pacific whose stock had but a small value in the market and which was held by the same directors as the Union Pacific is suddenly delivered over to the latter company at a value not far from par. The money thus paid for it was justly due the Government, but on the plea that the new line was needed as a feeder to the U. P. this action was winked at. The profit of this transaction to Sage, Gould, Dillon & Co. were upwards of three millions.

Some of these gentlemen whose names appear in Wall Street as the possessors and managers of large financial interests seem to think this Commission has no right to inquire into their connection with the Union Pacific. Some of the Gould clique hardly trust the Commission with courtesy. Mr. Sage in his testimony is noticeable for the brusqueness of his replies. Yet Sage was not always the big moneyed man he is now. Thirty or more years ago he was a liquor dealer in Troy and ran an establishment on River street. There he was a feeder to the U. P. in the outlying country about Troy who knew him well in those days. His first venture in railroads was back in the 50's when he bought at auction the old Troy and Schenectady R. R. for \$25,000 and sold it to the N. Y. C. R. R. at an advance of \$20,000. He has been a dealer in puts and calls for more of years and is credited with narrow mind and a half dozen million. He was the trustee of Union Pacific's rival road. The Gould crowd reckoned rightly their man when they made the deal.

Mr. Gould is yet to be examined. The testimony of Mr. Gould's partners that he is a very quiet man. But there is a hope that this Commission will find the identity of chiefly farmers in the discreditable Government swindle.

Society these spring days has but little to interest it. For that reason these shows at the Madison Square Garden have been godsend. Last week the dog show and this week the cattle show. These cattle shows in the proportion of which this one assumed are new things here and there is a probability that each recurring spring will witness a similar exhibition. Society took it under its supervision. A real, genuine, live exhibition had the thing under charge and the prominent society leaders were in the management; so that everything went with an aristocratic air. Holsteins, Jersey, Ayrshire, Herford, Swiss, Short Horn and Devon were the breeds on exhibition. Milk tests, butter tests, dairy maids, good milk, bad milk, skim milk, butter of all grades except oleo, cheese in profusion—all these and much more were the attractions. Sixty-five pounds was the highest milk record for 24 hours while 23 pounds of butter registered the best butter record for the same period.

While the cattle show has been in progress we have had visits from real, genuine royalty. The presence of Prince Leopold under an assumed name is, of course, an event but that does not compare with the visit of Queen Kaplani who is now doing this city. The Queen is a portly woman who has seen a respectable number of summers come and go. Her features are very regular and the complexion is of a somewhat dusky hue. Of course she is not a negro, and those notices of the metropolitan press in which her name is coupled with the name of the Thompson street are not in good taste.

Just how society will receive her is a conundrum which the writer can not solve. The city authorities have made suitable preparations as becomes the station of the visitor. The stay here terminates next Saturday, so that the time will be spent in visiting the places of interest in and about the city.

There are many lines here equally present which would bring home to public notice. This is what with some of the miserably made him an object of derision to his friends. The people will content exhibited his disgusting habits to the public as well as his great ability as a music critic. Few people who passed him in his disgust suspected him to be a wealthy man. His best friend Chas. Chickering of piano fame, never knew his wealth till on Faine's death he opened a package in his safe held in trust for Faine to find a half million dollars.

Present enjoyment with moderate competence for future old age seems wisest to the WANDERER.

THE DAILY SHOW.

Large Exhibition of Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products—Lady Mary Wins in the Milk Producing Contest.

(Special to The Times)

NEW YORK, May 18.

The great dairy show at the Madison Square Garden, which closed Saturday night at 11 o'clock having lasted five days has been one of unusual interest to many city people. The exhibition of dairy cattle and dairy products exclusively has proved particularly attractive as no less than 40,000 people paying five cents admission have visited the fair. Of this number by far the larger proportion were city people many of whom looked for the first upon a gathering of pure-bred Jerseys, Alderneys, Guernseys, Holsteins and other standard breeds for which some of the American dairy farms have now become famous. But the country was also largely represented. The reduced railroad rates over nearly all the lines out of New York brought here great numbers of farmers and stock breeders, with many highly cultivated dairymen. Besides there were representatives of nearly every known device for milking cows, raising cream, churning milk and cream into butter. It is simply wonderful to see the advance made in dairy implements and machinery and to witness the slight, novel to most visitors, of a working dairy in full operation.

The cows themselves were the principal attraction. They were divided into four milk classes, Jerseys, Ayrshires, Guernseys and Holsteins, the former equalling in number all the rest, while the latter had the advantage in point of novelty. So large a collection of these big, stolid, richly marked Dutch cattle had never been seen before in New York. They attracted from the first much attention, and their several owners were very happy in their introduction of them to the judges as well as the visitors. The fawn-colored Jerseys, however, seemed to be the popular favorites. Their softness of color and gracefulness of outline placed them among the daintiest and most lovely of pets. The Guernseys are a trifle larger, with a deeper color and it possible more gentle than the Jerseys. The Ayrshires are the plebeians of the four different breeds; they look rougher and tawnier with homely shaped heads and horns. The value of some of these cattle was enormous and the prices asked most fabulous. As high as \$35,000 was named for some imported stock. Large numbers of cows were valued at one thousand and fifteen hundred dollars. This was a prize show with cash premiums for a dozen different classes of cattle, also for best butter and cheese. In our adjoining county of Oneonta, owned the Lake Side farm, owned by Smiths, Powell & Lamb carried off the sweepstakes prize in Holsteins, Lady Fay taking first prize for greatest quantity of milk produced in twenty-four hours, 65 pounds and 13 1/2 ounces, beating two other Holsteins less than two pounds apiece. This prize was \$300. She also won 1st prize over all, \$150. The other numerous prizes we will omit for lack of space, only giving first prize on butter awarded to V. W. Schooley. Butter prizes went to Vt., N. H., Ohio, Mass. and Ct.

On the whole it was pronounced a complete success and must prove of lasting benefit to those who want to get instruction. Expense was spared to have the best of everything pertaining to the manufacture of cheese and butter and of the best manner of raising bottled milk and which breed will produce the most butter or cheese.

Parish.

The teachers institute held here the past week was a grand success. There were 110 teachers registered. A few were detained on account of sickness. Prof. Burton the the conductor, led all his work admirably. He knows of Orleans Normal School was with us part of the time, and gave us one honors on Tuesday evening. Prof. Burton lectured on Wednesday evening and Rev. E. K. Knight on Thursday evening. Prof. Bobb of Phoenix, Prof. Bell of Cleveland and Prof. Deane of Paris, were the lecturers. Miss Parshur, teacher in the primary department at Parish, had her class in geography present, and they did some excellent modeling in sand and the little busts were very pleasing. Some who were present and were well acquainted with teachers in this state said that the teachers in this community should model such training the teachers in the state. It was also remarked that the best looking class of teachers they ever saw were present.

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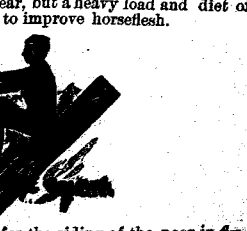
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