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LEGATIONS.

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change of an entrance into our form of civil- ization, and we have had questions of inter- national law to settle with Spain, with Great Britain and with Mexico; but there is not in the whole of the two goodly volumes another transaction with another nation that could not have been settled equally well by a Consul-General; while, on the other hand, it is conceivable that a Consul ap- pointed only to a post where there was work to do, would not feel under the neces- sity of writing ridiculous letters to the State Department as a flimsy excuse for drawing his salary.

The truth is, that the printing press has killed diplomacy, and the telegraph has turned the envoy into a cipher. The affairs of for- eign nations are known, not by official letters, but by the press dispatches and correspond- ence, and whenever any communication is carried on in which publicity is undesirable, the envoy is merely the mouth-piece of the State Department. It is quite as easy for Mr. Fish to address Earl Derby directly, as it is for him to tell General Schenck what he must say to Earl Derby; and it is as easy for Earl Derby to convey to Mr. Fish the assurance of his distinguished consideration as it is for him to instruct Sir Edward Thornton to convey the assurance. Of course, international comity counts for something, and the prece- dent of abolishing diplomacy is against us; but our National existence is itself a violation of precedent. If we have not, like Mirabeau, swallowed all the formulas, we have swal- lowed so many of them that we need not balk at such a trifle as getting rid of the cost, and fuss, and nonsense of a diplomacy which ought to have gone out of existence before we came into it.

ART IN ST. LOUIS.

Meeker's New Swamp Scenes—A Beau- tiful Work of Art—Other Pictures Recently Put On Exhibition.

J. R. Meeker's last Louisiana swamp scene, finished a few days ago, has been placed on exhibition at Harding's Gallery. It is quite possible that Mr. Meeker may have painted grander pic- tures, but it is doubtful whether he has ever suc- ceeded better in giving us a good, honest work from nature. To those who have penetrated the swampy solitudes of Lower Louisiana, the sketch will be as familiar as the photograph of an old friend. The atmospheric effect is excellent. One can almost feel himself breathing the misty, hazy air with which the artist has enveloped the scene. There is a deep and solemn stillness pervading the fog-burdened lagoons that stretch away in every direction, until lost to the vision. A water- crane or stork that stands contemplatively upon the uncertain shore, furnishes the only visible sign of life in the vast and unbroken wilderness. The water-lilies that fringe the edge of the water, the grass and tropical flowers which spring up on the spots of ground that appear here and there, and the leaves and branches of the swamp sycamores are drawn with remarkable fidelity, the foliage being delineated with rare faithfulness. Perhaps the chief merit of the work, considered from an artistic stand-point, is the splendid per- spective, linear and oblique, which Meeker has succeeded so well in depicting. Straight forward, and to the right and left, the eye can survey the outstretched pools and sloughs from shore to shore, and from tree to tree, until the vision is exhaust- ed and the view disappears in mist and fog. Meeker has a special talent for painting trees. He draws them as nature does, each by itself. Though the branches are interwoven, each frond preserves its individuality, and is only merged into a mass of living green by the blue distance. The tree, which occupies the foreground, is a rare specimen of the sketcher's art. Each branch stands out to itself. Though sometimes inter- woven, each outline is indicated with marked

ARION DES WESTENS.

Grand Masquerade Ball on Satur- day Night.

Brilliant Gathering of King Carnival's Loyal Sub- jects at Armory Hall.

One of the gayest and most enjoyable entertain- ments of the carnival season was experienced on Saturday evening, at the Philharmonic Hall, where the Arion des Westens Society gave one of their renowned annual masquerade balls.

If a very large attendance, a dazzling and varied display of costumes, general mirth and amuse- ment, and an array of beauty and fashion are to be a criterion, the ball of the Arion des Westens was eminently successful. For weeks previous extensive preparations had been made, and on the evening stated the hall, where the ball was held, presented an imposing sight. It was divided into two parts by statuary, shrubbery, etc., taste- fully arranged in a semi-circular form, the larger part of the hall being profusely decorated with garlands of artificial foliage, Chinese lanterns, in- scriptions, flags and other emblems, and contain- ing also a stage, into which the platform had been turned by some well-arranged and showy drapery. The smaller portion of the hall, under the gallery, afforded those who did not participate in the dance or promenade an opportunity of taking their rest or a social chat. At the door and upon the stair- way, sentinels in coats of mail were stationed.

As carriage after carriage drove up, and the occupants began to fill the spacious hall, until the hundreds of masqueraders, in their varied, often strangely contrasting, sometimes gorgeous and glittering, sometimes exceedingly original and mirth-provoking attires, thronged the hall and passed to and fro in ever-changing groups, the scene presented became intensely interesting and almost enchanting to the spectator. All subjects upon which human imagination could draw seemed to have been brought into requisition to afford the fun-loving attendants an opportunity to display their fancy, wit or ingenuity. The heav- enly, atmospheric, terrestrial, subterranean, nat- ural and supernatural, political, social, religious, and historical or National spheres furnished *sujets* for disguising the every-day individual under some assumed garb or character. Even grim- visaged Death was not respected, and made to serve ludicrous purposes.

Of the many beautiful, costly and pleasing cos- tumes attracting particular attention as they came under observation, in a hasty review of the army under King Carnival's command, some of the most striking are noted.

Mrs. J. A. St. John wore a handsome, neatly- designed dress, made of copies of the *GLOBE- DEMOCRAT*, with the famous tow-line attach- ment.

Mr. J. A. St. John was gorgeous in a paper suit, claw-hammer coat, manufactured from a local German newspaper.

Nearly all the other papers of the city were also represented, although some of them may not quite be satisfied with the parties undertaking to repre- sent them, as, for instance, the *Amerika*, which journal Mr. Hilpert, of the *Westliche Post*, volun- teered to impersonate.

Mr. and Mrs. Mohrstadt, of the *Anzeiger*, wore suits made of *Anzeiger* copies, as also Mr. Hage- man.

Mrs. H. Sliesmeier played the role of a Jesuit father, while Mr. E. D. Kargau, of the *Anzeiger*, in turn, assumed the sober garb of a nun.

Mr. F. Raake first appeared as a skeleton, after- ward as a school-boy.

The beautiful and accomplished Miss Emily R. Steinsattel in the early part of the evening had donned the dress of the penitent nun, and after- ward transformed herself into a Martha Washing- ton, trying very hard to assume the matronly ap- pearance becoming advanced age. Miss Kapp, her cousin, also represented a nun, changing to a country lass in due time.

Mrs. C. H. Moeller participated in the perform- ance given in the course of the evening by some twenty gentlemen of the society, in the role of

there, he remarked that he felt very ill, and he started home. He passed over a fence on the farm, and then dropped dead. Deceased leaves a wife and five children. It is thought that he died from the effects of heart dis- ease.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

A Boy Killed by the Careless Handling of a Gun.

Coroner Dudley went out to Kirkwood yesterday in consequence of a telegram sent to Police Head- quarters, stating that a boy, named Charles N. Long, had been shot. On arriving at Kirkwood, the Doctor commenced an investigation, by which the following facts were elicited:

Charles N. Long and Joseph A. Hodgeman were inmates of the Evangelical Lutheran Or- phans' Home, on the Manchester road, about fif- teen miles from the city. On Saturday, the boy Hodgeman obtained permission to go and see his mother, a widow lady, residing at Webster Groves. The boy Charles N. Long accompanied him, they being friends and associates. While they were at Webster Groves, they observed a number of boys who had guns, and who were shooting birds. They thought they would like to do the same, and Hodgeman said he knew where he could get a gun. He therefore went to a boy, John N. For- by, living in the neighborhood, and borrowed a gun from him. Hodgeman and Long then walked along the railroad track, but were at some dis- tance from each other. One witness stated at the inquest that Hodgeman pointed the gun at his friend Long, but the boy states that he pointed it at a bird. Long walked up toward his friend Hodgeman and the latter put the gun under his arm. It was then cocked, and it was not strange that it was discharged. The contents entered the left shoulder of the boy Charles N. Long and pen- etrated the cavity of the chest. As the gun was loaded with fifteen or twenty No. 1 shot, the ex- tent of the wound may be imagined. Some of the persons in the neighborhood immediately attended to the wounded boy, and he was removed to the Evangelical Lutheran Orphans' Home, where he died on Saturday night between 8 and 9 o'clock.

The boy Hodgeman seemed to be very much affected by the result of his carelessness, and, as soon as his friend fell, exclaimed, "Oh, my God, I have killed him!" He also called for assistance.

The inquest on the deceased was held yesterday, at DeaPeres Post-office, sometimes known as Hathaway City, near the Lutheran Home. The jury found that the deceased had been accident- ally shot. One of the witnesses in the case was Mr. Charles F. Long, father of the deceased. He is a clerk of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and resides at No. 1012 North Fifth street.

LOCAL PERSONALS.

JUDGE L. P. SANGER, of San Francisco, is at Barnum's.

COL. S. E. BOTSFORD, of Cleveland, O., is at the Planters'.

COL. C. M. McCRAW, a capitalist of Louisville, is at Barnum's.

HON. J. H. WOODMAN, of Bennington, Vt., is at the Planters'.

HON. JAMES M. GLENN, of Cincinnati, is stop- ping at the Southern.

MAJOR JAMES S. BOLLINS, of Columbia, is a guest at the Southern.

MAJOR JOHN L. BITTINGER, of St. Joe, was at the Southern yesterday.

CAPTAIN THOS. T. LOOKER, United States Na- vy, is a guest at the Lindell.

DR. H. G. HOLTON, Memphis, was among yes- terday's arrivals at the Lindell.

COLONEL F. J. GOULD and family, San Fran- cisco, are registered at the Lindell.

DR. J. HOGAN, a prominent physician at Fort Scott, Kas., arrived at Barnum's yesterday.

J. M. GRIFFITH, Dubuque, Ia., and Dr. L. Mc- Knight and family, of Milwaukee, are at the Lin- dell.

S. M. SMITH, Boston, and F. Ashley, Illinois, prominent insurance men, are guests at the La- clede.

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ural that one can almost feel them. It is a pro-
duction well worth seeing.

Mr. Guthertz, the artist, whose works have
graced the Art exhibitions of this city, has been
sent for to assist in the Mardi Gras of Memphis,
and illustrate the same for the New York Graphic.
He will be absent from your city three weeks,
and return to his place in the Washington Uni-
versity, where he has been for some time prose-
cuting his studies and assisting in the Art Depart-
ment. The next important work from his brush
will be called "Sappho" leaping from the Island
of Lesbos.

A meeting of the Centennial Art Committee
was held on Saturday afternoon, at which a letter
from Philadelphia was read by Mr. Mills, stating
that there was no reservation of space for pictures
sent from different States; that all works of art
had to take their chances before the Philadelphia
Committee, and if accepted be placed in the gen-
eral collection.

Mr. Eichbaum's new picture has been placed at
Pettes & Leathe's gallery. It is entitled
"Elected," and is a companion piece to the
"Defeated Candidate," which he painted last
year. He has evidently bestowed more labor in
composition and carried it to a finer degree of
finish. We have not had time to examine it
closely, but shall do so, and hereafter give it an
extended criticism. It is clear that Mr. Eich-
baum shows great ability in the production of these
composition figure pieces, and they place him far
in advance of the ordinary routine of portrait
painting.

The "Pen and Pencil Club" held its last regu-
lar meeting at the residence of Mr. G. W. Simp-
kins, on Dillon street.

The "Art Society" will hold its next regular
meeting at the residence of General J. W. Noble,
on Duane street. The exercises will consist of a
selection of Beethoven's music, by Dr. Bernhalse,
and an essay on Florentine Art by Miss Grace
Bibb.

Mr. Carl Guthertz has placed some new studies
at Harding's.

ST. LOUIS IN SPLINTERS.

THE mortuary report in South St. Louis, during
the past week, showed four deaths.

CORRION is still coming up on the Iron Mountain
Road at a very lively rate. Fifty cars were re-
ceived over this line yesterday.

NOTWITHSTANDING the peculiarities of the
weather, pronounced by many as unreasonable,
the city was never healthier for the time of year.

THERE seems to be an impression among the
Jail attaches that Chas. F. Kring will hang him-
self if he is allowed an opportunity, and he is
closely watched.

The steamer Iron Mountain and three barges
are at present being loaded with mineral from
the mineral dump above Elwood street, in South
St. Louis, for the Ohio river.

THE usual number of men gathered at the Post-
office yesterday, but there was a sudden scattering
before the regular time of dismissal, on account
of the rain. Heavy showers in the afternoon
were succeeded by a cooler atmosphere.

SATURDAY afternoon Charles Wilburn, a colored
boy, was arrested in the First District and trans-
ferred to the Four Courts, to answer to the charge
of arson. It will be remembered that several
months ago a row of brick houses, the property of
Peter Houtz, situated on the corner of Fourth and
Stein streets, South St. Louis, were set on fire.
Houtz and the negro were arrested at the time of
the fire, but as nothing could be proven against
them they were released. It is now charged that
the negro was employed by Houtz to set fire to the
houses, in order to get the insurance.

Fell from the Roof.

On Saturday forenoon, a man named John
Hogan, employed in rebuilding a chimney on Col.
A. W. Slayback's residence, No. 2327 Olive street,
fell from the roof to the ground, a distance of
thirty feet, having his left leg and arm broken.
It appears that there was some defect in the hoist-
ing apparatus, upon which he was resting his
weight, and, it giving way, he was precipitated to
the ground. The injured man was removed to his
residence, corner of Fifth and O'Fallon streets,
when surgical aid was summoned.

Columbiad, and later in the evening wore a cos-
tume comprising the German national colors,
with a helmet.

Misses Trauernicht and Ambs also took a part in
the performance, an allegorical submission to the
reign of Carnival, in the character of Columbiads,
exchanging their costumes afterward for those of
a Fairy Queen, and a representation of the Morn-
ing Star.

Mrs. T. C. Wendell, Mrs. F. Siedentopf and
Miss Lina Anton also were attired as Columbiads.

Mrs. Klein, representing a Fairy, and afterward
Frost, wore a beautiful silver-hued dress, em-
broided with hermin fur, with the hair beauti-
fully ornamented.

Mrs. Tony Faust played the role of colored
cook remarkably well, exchanging it later in the
evening for a beautiful dress *a la Pompadour*.

Mrs. J. Bamberger and Miss Silverberg at first
appeared as colored kitchen girls, and afterward
became transformed into Pompadours.

Mrs. James and Miss Clara McDonough were
also very richly and attractively attired.

Miss O. Bloess, as Morning Star, was arrayed in
a very handsome and becoming costume.

Miss I. Braun, as Postillon de Lonjumeau (an
operative character), wore a very elegant dress
suitable to the role assumed.

Of other ladies whose costumes attracted gen-
eral attention, were Miss J. Nathan, flower girl;
Mrs. Chas. F. Schneider, French peasant; Miss
Fiechbach, French peasant girl; Mrs. Pfeil,
evening star; Miss M. Harless, peasant girl;
Miss Braun, Little Red Riding Hood; Mrs. W. T.
Klein, Gypsy; Mrs. Hahn, Gypsy; Mrs. Starrwitz,
Scotch lady; Mrs. L. Heinrichs, Mrs. Meyer,
Mrs. Roemich, all fancy dresses, and many
others.

Of gentlemen there were, besides those already
mentioned, Mr. Starrwitz, devil; Mr. W. Wie-
man, monkey; Mr. E. Beckmann, Spanish cour-
tier; Mr. P. Rackow, Indian; Mr. F. Raacke,
Rococo costume; Mr. Tony Faust, Captain Paul
Boyton; Mr. Haettele, operative character; Mr.
H. Merzman, Spanish grandee, and many others
in costumes usually met with at such masquer-
ades.

Mr. Silverberg was rather oddly attired in a
calico swallow-tail coat covered all over with
postage stamps, a blue vest adorned with large
silver stars, and pantaloons with red and white
stripes.

The gentlemen composing the various commit-
tees were all dressed uniformly, the Floor Com-
mittee wearing handsome Rococo costumes, and
the members of the Reception Committee rep-
resenting French chasseurs. The former consisted
of Messrs. Petring, Juenger, Walther, Dr. Roe-
mich, Ch. Fischer, Schmitt and F. Boldt; the
latter of Messrs. Gerlach, Braun, Lampe, Lamp-
recht, Bergmann, Ulrick, Rothe and Remnitz.

A merrier, better-humored assemblage could
not very well have been brought together under
any other circumstances than that which filled
Armory Hall on Saturday night, and a very late
hour found the mirth-loving members of the
Arion des Westens and their friends in the full
enjoyment of the occasion.

In due time a sumptuous repast, prepared by
Mr. L. Heinrich, the confectioner, was partaken
of, and Postlewaite's Band enabled the dancers
to trip the light fantastic to their hearts' content.

To Dr. Joseph Speigelhalter, the President of
the society, much of the success of the grand an-
nual gathering was due.

Another Defective Flue.

On Saturday evening a fire broke out in a two-
story frame house on the north side of California
avenue, near Prairie avenue, owned by Wm. A.
Grant and occupied by Wm. Rining and Henry
Buschman. Word was given to the Franklin En-
gine, and it was promptly on hand, but before its
arrival the flames had been extinguished. Dam-
age to building \$100; covered by insurance. The
fire originated from a defective flue. While try-
ing to remove some goods, when the fire was first
discovered, Mrs. Rining was badly burned about
the arms and shoulders.

Death of a Farmer.

An inquest was held by Squire Sappington, at a
place about half a mile south of Kirkwood, yester-
day, on William Dunn, aged fifty years. De-
ceased was a farmer, and had gone to the farm of
the late Hudson E. Bridge, Esq., near
Kirkwood, to see about some wood. While

W. P. HOMAN, Little Rock, Assistant Superin-
tendent St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad, is
quartered at the Laclede.

EDWIN DEAN, father of the late Julia Dean, and
of Mrs. Edwina Dean Lowe, of this city, died at
St. Paul yesterday morning.

JAMES TRAUDIN, Louisville; W. R. Washburn,
New York; J. L. Clay, Little Rock, and Wm
Hertman, of Evansville, are at the Southern.

JAS. NORMAN, New York; S. Kimball and John
Charlton, Lawrence, Kan.; C. W. Bowker, Flint,
Mich., and J. S. Campbell, Decatur, are at the
Laclede.

ALEX. RENNIE and family, Tishomingo, C. M.;
Sidney A. Taylor, Topeka; L. O. Richter, Kin-
coln, Ill., and G. H. Baxter, Kansas City, are
guests at the Planters'.

THE *American Register*, dated Paris, January 20,
gives the whereabouts of St. Louisans in Europe as
follows:

At Nice—Mr. Vogel and Mr. Weinheimer.
London—Mrs. Bronson and S. G. Maria.
Rome—Mrs. J. C. Cabot.
Naples—General and Mrs. MacAdams.

The Globe-Democrat as an Advertising Medium.

CHICAGO, January 19, 1876.—Globe-Democrat
Printing Company, St. Louis, Mo.—Gents: Please
reinsert our advertisement for the same period as
before. If our experience in the future is like that
of the past, you may regard us as regular yearly
advertisers for some time to come. We take
pleasure in saying that we hear from your paper
every day, and nearly every mail, and we unhesi-
tatingly pronounce it the best advertising medium
we have ever found. Yours, very respectfully,
CALKINS CHAMPION WASHNER COMPANY.

Whittle and Bliss.

The interest in the Whittle and Bliss meetings
seems to hold, notwithstanding extraneous at-
tractions. The rain interfered somewhat with the
meeting at the Rink yesterday afternoon, but in
the evening the attendance was large, and results
of an encouraging nature.

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

—Charles Hale, the actor, died at Morrisania,
on Friday, aged fifty-seven.
—Henry Clews was unanimously readmitted to
membership of the Stock and Gold Exchanges.
—The *Sunday Citizen* announces that the defense
of the 69th Regiment from the charges made
against it, in Sherman's Memoirs, will soon be
published.
—Union Pacific express trains, east and west,
are reported snow-bound near Piedmont Station.
—An offg of the convicted murderer, Ruben-
stein, was hung in Brooklyn last night.
—A reduction of fully thirty-three per cent in
rents is probable throughout New York city this
spring.
—Henry Watterson, who was reported conva-
lescent some time ago, is still lying seriously ill at
his residence in Louisville.

Stuck in the Snow.

OMAHA, February 13.—Telegrams from the West
state that the passenger train bound West which
left Green river this morning is stuck in the snow
near Piedmont, with no show of getting through
to-night. The passenger train bound East is also
laid out. Wind very high; snow drifting.

IT IS TRULY WONDERFUL to hear of the effects
of the new principle for the cure of Consumption,
Coughs, Colds, etc., Dr. J. H. McLean's Cough
and Lung Healing Globules. Trial boxes only
twenty-five cents; they can be sent by mail. Trial
samples free at Dr. J. H. McLean's office, 314
Chestnut street, St. Louis, Mo.

SIX \$2 50 shirts for \$9. Wiggans' slaughter sale
219 Fifth street.

A COLD SEEMS A SMALL AFFAIR.—Most people
neglect it. Who minds it? Yet a cold may turn
to consumption, and then follows almost certain
death. Take a cold in time, then; that is, take
Dr. D. Jaynes' Expectorant, the well-known
standard remedy for all coughs, colds, consump-
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plaints, and your cold will disappear, as well as
all apprehension of danger.