

ORCHIDS AND CARNATIONS.

They Were the Attractions of the Exhibit at the American Institute Farmers' Club.

Some Rare Specimens Displayed by W. A. Manda and Mrs. J. Hood Wright.

PROCEEDINGS AT CLUB'S MEETING.

Views of a Practical Orchid Grower Upon Amateur Effort—No Reason Why They Should Not Be Successfully Cultivated.

The exhibit of the American Institute Farmers' Club at the Institute, No. 111 West Thirty-eighth street, yesterday afternoon was principally notable for its magnificent display of orchids. Among the most admired was the collection of W. A. Manda, of South Orange, N. J. It contained among others the Dendrobium, Sanderianum, D'Almeida, D'Wardianum and a Cattleya trianae. The latter is white and is extremely rare. All of the orchids are of the March variety, and are in full bloom. Mr. Manda also contributed some very rare and beautiful Acaea Speciosa, a sweet-scented flower of great delicacy.

Among Mrs. J. Hood Wright's collection from Fort Washington were some wonderful new geraniums and a very rare Lucea Gratiissima and a very handsome collection of carnations and roses, and H. Allen, of Floral Park, L. I., sent a quantity of Scott and Stover King geraniums and a new seedling which has not yet been introduced. Dr. Hexamer presided at the meeting of the club after the exhibit had been examined, and introduced Mr. Manda, who is an expert on the subject of orchids. He said that the idea that only the wealthy could properly cultivate orchids was an erroneous one, as it is a flower that will thrive where many others fail. The finest specimen he has ever seen, he declared, was in a basket suspended from an apple tree in an orchard. He had raised those on an exhibit at an altitude of 5,000 feet above sea level in the Southern States. He had frequently seen them growing at an altitude of 8,000 feet. In the Southern countries, where there are no dry seasons, which makes the places of the West here, the buds of the flower retained sufficient moisture to nourish it during its long sleep. They grow profusely about the trunks of trees. He thought many people made a mistake in giving orchids too much water. The time to water the orchid is when the soil is dry to a depth of an inch. The mistake people made in cultivating orchids, he said, was in purchasing the cheapest they could get. A good orchid should cost \$5, and it is a good fool who buys an inferior quality. In horticulture, more than in anything else, Mr. Manda declared, the very best is the cheapest in the long run. He regretted that the American people did not follow the example set by the English in the cultivation of flowers. In the windows of the houses of the poorest mechanic in England flowers would flourish on this side of the ocean it was rather on the practice of the school to devote to the beauties of nature, and that each school should have a branch devoted to horticulture.

MAYOR SHORN OF POWER.

An Unprecedented State of Affairs Now Exists in Baltimore's Municipal Government.

Baltimore, March 10.—A most remarkable condition of affairs, unprecedented in the municipal history of this country, is presented in Baltimore City Hall. The ordinance passed by the Council last night takes away the Mayor's power of appointing all salaried officers of the city, and leaves him only the power to name the members of honorary municipal boards. All the Republican members of the Council except three voted against the Republican Mayor.

One bright spot was, however, found by the Mayor this morning. The Council had repealed the supplemental ordinance which deprives the Mayor of all power of removal from office. But as his removal prerogative is for cause only, the Mayor's smile was not lasting. In reply to a question the Mayor said: "I have not decided upon what course I shall pursue, but I shall be as firm as ever in my attempt to give the people of Baltimore good government."

JAPAN AS AN OCEAN CARRIER.

She Will Run Steamships to London and to the Pacific Coast.

Tacoma, Wash., March 10.—Miki Sato, Japanese Consul at this port received information by the steamship Victoria from Yokohama that a new Japanese steamship company, favored by the Imperial Government, will have a Japan-Great Britain line in operation before the end of the present month. The first steamer will leave Yokohama about the 15th, calling at Hong Kong, Singapore, Bombay, Port Said, Suez, and then a port en route to London. There will be six vessels in the line. The Government will now be making serious inquiries of several new steamships. As soon as completed they will go to the Great Britain line, and the ships at present selected for that line will be put of the Japanese American line. The Pacific coast terminus of the line has not been selected.

THE RIOTERS OF ST. KITTS.

Two of Them Have Been Shot and the British Government is Not Alarmed.

London, March 10.—In the House of Commons this evening Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, speaking with reference to the riots on the island of St. Kitts, stated that on February 19 the Governor of the island reported that houses had been burned. Two of the rioters, the telegram added, had been shot. On February 25 the Governor sent another dispatch saying that the island was now quiet than at the time his previous report was sent, and that there was no doubt that the presence of a British warship would prevent a recurrence of the disorder.

XANTEN SUES BANDMASTER INNES.

William A. Xanten, an opera singer, living at No. 122 West One Hundred and Second street, has instituted proceedings in City Court against bandmaster Frederick N. Innes for \$1,250. Xanten alleges that Innes last year at a weekly salary of \$65. On August 14, 1895, he was discharged without any just cause. Xanten's contract did not expire until January 5. Innes in his answer charges Xanten with breaking the contract by leaving him without any notice.



THE FLOWER SHOW OF THE FARMERS' CLUB AT THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE.

PURROY TO SAIL TO-DAY.

County Clerk Going to Spain to See About an Estate Left by His Aunt.

County Clerk Henry D. Purroy, accompanied by his wife, will be among the passengers on the American Line steamer St. Louis when she sails this morning. Mr. Purroy was at his desk in the Court House until a late hour yesterday evening straightening up his affairs preparatory to going on a vacation that will last two months. "Spain is my objective point," said Mr. Purroy yesterday, that soon I will be in England I shall start for Bordeaux and thence across Spain to Barcelona. The business that draws me there is in regard to the estate of a deceased aunt who died in Barcelona. And I wish you would correct the false reports that appeared in some papers yesterday that there is a quarrel in our family over property left by my aunt in Spain. There is no truth in it whatever. The Purroy family is at peace at least with itself. Mr. Purroy declared he had no expectation of being changed and did not will. The duties of his office will be discharged during his absence by Deputy County Clerk F. Joseph Kelly.

ELI'S SON MADE A DISCLOSURE.

The Young Man Says His Father's Partner Was Not Named to Him.

New Haven, March 10.—Coroner Mix to-day in the office of the Registrar of Vital Statistics issued a singular order. He directed that a change be made in the record regarding the death of William E. White, William E. White and Rosanna White, husband and wife, died from apoplexy last Christmas at their home on State street. A young man who says his name is E. White, and that he is a son of William E. White, asked Medical Examiner White to change the records so that the dead man's name would read Eli White, and that the dead man was his father, that his name was Eli, and that his lawful wife was now living in England. The young man said that the woman who had lived with his father, and died with him, was not his wife. The young man said that his mother in England had had insurance on the dead man's life, which she could not collect until the record was changed. Dr. White referred the applicant to Coroner Mix, and the latter to-day made an effort to have the records changed.

KILLED HER WHILE SHE SLEPT.

After Murdering His Wife, Banker Tritschler Committed Suicide.

Allentown, Pa., March 10.—Fidel Tritschler, a member of the Select Council of this city and a prosperous baker, shot and killed his wife at 5 o'clock this morning and then killed himself. Tritschler was thirty-four years of age and his wife twenty-three. He was noted to be rather melancholy the past week, slept little and ate scarcely anything. He made no threats at any time, and his domestic relations were apparently happy. They were married in September last. He shot his wife while she slept by his side, causing instant death. Tritschler then shot himself twice in the head, and death resulted three hours later.

RAY ROBBED HER PRESERVER.

She Hugged Doyle on Broadway and Took His Stud.

William T. Doyle, a salesman, of No. 46 West Twenty-fourth street, was walking home at 5 a. m. yesterday, when he noticed a handsome girl, well dressed, struggling with a cab driver at Forty-first street and Broadway. She shouted to him to help her and he responded by knocking the cab driver down. She hugged him and took his stud. Doyle caught up with the girl, seized her and called to Policeman Becker. The girl arrested and gave her name as Kay Holmes, twenty-three years old, of No. 207 West Thirty-eighth street. The stud was found in her hand. Magistrate Arund held her for trial in \$500 bail.

FIREBUGS BURNED A CHURCH.

Finding of Holy Comforter's Altar Fixings Ground for This Belief.

Rahway, N. J., March 10.—While considerable suspicion has prevailed regarding the origin of the fire which destroyed the Church of the Holy Comforter last Wednesday night, many citizens have been reluctant to accept the incendiary theory. The fact now seems to be established that the church was first robbed and then fired by some member of a lawless band that has been preying upon the peaceful homes of this city for several months past. About all of the ecclesiastical paraphernalia, including the altar cross, candles, stews, alms, basins and flower vases, were stolen to-day in a clump of bushes a short distance from the burned building.

DR. O'DONLON DID NOT DELAY.

Coroner's Physician O'Donlon Declared Yesterday That There Was Any Delay in the Coroner's Office in Investigating the Death of a Sunday Lad of Two-months-old Jennie Lieb.

The Church of the Holy Comforter was the originator of a mission Sunday-school begun in 1867 by the late Rev. R. M. Abramson, D. D.

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A SCHOOL OF SCULPTURE.

It Will Aim to Be Eclectic and to Encourage the Budding Genius of Americans.

Its Founders Claim That the Sculpture Society Has Unduly Assumed Prerogatives.

PRESIDENT MIRANDA'S OPINION.

He Says That the New Society Will Stimulate Artistic Work in America by Steering Clear of Work-Out Standards.

Fernando Miranda, the well-known sculptor, of this city, is at the head of a movement to organize an association to be known as the American Sculptors' Society. It will be a rival of the National Sculpture Society, which, it is claimed, has caused much dissatisfaction among artists by the position it has frequently assumed of being a national and final judge as to the merits of sculptural work. Mr. Miranda has achieved a high position in his art and his name will give much weight to the new movement. He is a member of the National Sculpture Society, and says that he is not organizing a rival on account of any wounded personal feelings, but because he thinks that the attitude of the present society is in serious opposition to the best development of sculpture. Among his recent works are the fine figures on the American Tract Society building, including the granite carvatures over the entrance. He is the designer, too, of the admirable figures of Columbus and the brothers Pinzon for the Columbus fountain that is to be erected in this city by the people of Spain. He is a native of Valencia, Spain, but has lived in America for twenty-five years.

SCHOOL BOYS IN A RIOT.

Police Were Called and Had to Fire Pistols in the Air to Disperse the Wild Lads.

Huntington, W. Va., March 10.—There was a riot at the Central City Public School yesterday. For several weeks a number of the big boys and girls have been planning to break up the school and take vengeance for fancied grievances.

WANT CONGRESS TO HELP.

Brooklyn Manufacturers Claim That Newtown Creek Needs Deepening and Widening.

A delegation representing nearly all the firms doing business along Newtown Creek and led by ex-Congressman William J. Coombs and Corporation Counsel Burr for the city of Brooklyn yesterday left Brooklyn for Washington, to appear before the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress for the purpose of urging the deepening and widening of the creek.

SHIELDED A FELLOW PUPIL.

The Lad, on Being Expelled, Sued and Won His Case.

Boston, March 10.—The full bench of the Supreme Judicial Court has sent down a novel decision in the case of W. A. Bishop vs. the Inhabitants of Rowley, which was an action to recover damages for an unlawful exclusion from a public school of which plaintiff was a pupil.

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