

PROMINENT MEN AND WOMEN IN THE DAY'S NEWS OF GREATER NEW YORK.



SUICIDE CITED TO PROVE INSANITY.

Will of Jessie Parsons, "the Superfluous Woman," to Be Contested.

FIGHT FOR A FORTUNE.

Parsons's Heirs, Failing to Break Father's Will, Attack That of Their Half Sister.

More than a year ago Jessie Kellogg Parsons, young, beautiful, athletic, rich, killed herself at the Manhattan Hotel, in this city. Of the reasons advanced for her act only one seemed plausible. It was one which her own words, her letters and her acts suggested, that there was no place for her in the affairs of the world—she was a superfluous woman. Now her will is being contested on the ground that she was insane. Her suicide is the evidence relied upon to prove insanity.

Chapter I.

Jessie K. Parsons was born at Poundridge, Westchester County. Her father, W. E. Parsons, had made a success and a failure in this city. He had acquired fame and wealth as a dentist; achieved misery and despair in domestic life. The mother of Jessie Parsons was her father's housekeeper, Miss Kellogg.

Ignoring convention, Parsons, when yet a young man, left his wife and five children. Religion and the wife's nervous temperament and raised a barrier that made harmony impossible. That was the condition. The remedy was made with the stern stoicism of a Roman aristocrat. The fortune Parsons had made, his home, all his belongings, were decided to go to his wife. Divorce was impossible. The wife's religion forbade it. The self-abnegated husband took up existence again in a little house in Westchester County. Miss Kellogg was his housekeeper.

Chapter II.

When Jessie Parsons was born the stolid father determined that hers should be a life free from nervousness—broad, generous, active, healthy. He made for her a multitude of interests. What she was a little girl he taught her to run and swim and ride. Later she was taught to handle firearms and, under his tuition, became a splendid shot. He gave her a bicycle and bought a carriage and horses for her. A relative died and left him a large estate. This now meant for a share say it amounted to \$200,000. The lawyers for the defence place its value at half that sum. It was sufficiently large to enable him to gratify the wishes of his daughter and his own simple tastes.

Chapter III.

The wife who had been faithful to her conception of religion. In spite of all died several years ago. The day she was buried Mr. Parsons made his legal wife the woman who had been faithful to her. Through long years of trial, the mother of his daughter, Jessie, who was then grown.

Chapter IV.

The last chapter deals only with lawsuits. "Owing to abiding affection and gratitude," so ran the will, W. E. Parsons left everything to his daughter Jessie. Immediately the children of his first marriage began suit to set the will aside, alleging the insanity of Parsons at the time of his death. The children of the first wife were defeated. The judge, in his opinion, asking for a partition. This case was in progress when Jessie Parsons killed herself. It was defended by Lawyer Francis B. Wellman and decided against the contestants by Judge McAdam last Tuesday.

RUMORED SALE OF A \$1,000,000 PLOT.

Piece of Broadway Property Running Through to Mercer Street Said to Have Brought That Figure.

It was persistently rumored in real estate circles yesterday that the five and six story mercantile structure, Nos. 624, 651, 653 and 655 Broadway, on a plot 65x200, running through to Mercer street, where it is numbered 216, 218, 220 and 222, had been sold for upward of \$1,000,000.

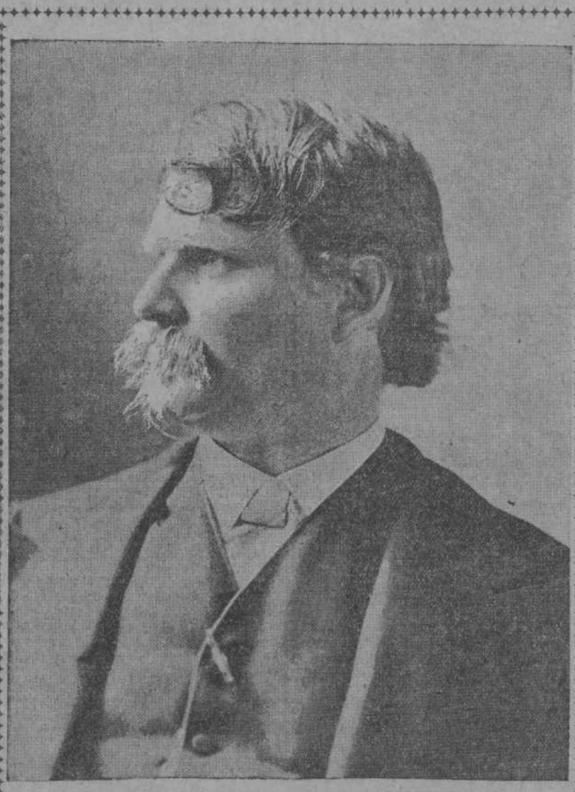
MRS. DRAPER TO BE A HARVARD VISITOR.

Widow of the Astronomer Will Accept the Position.

Mrs. Henry W. Draper, widow of Dr. Henry W. Draper, the astronomer, is to serve next year on the Committee of Visitors to the departments and courses of Harvard University. Mrs. Draper lives at No. 271 Madison avenue.

Eighth Avenue Trolley Running.

The Eighth avenue trolley line of the Metropolitan Street Railway was opened at 3 a. m. yesterday. Cars run on two minutes' intervals down E. 11th street to Hudson street, through Hudson to Canal and on Canal to Broadway, where passengers desiring to go south on Broadway were transferred. President Vreeland said yesterday that he expected the Sixth avenue extension to be in operation by the 15th inst.



Henry Watterson, Editor and Biographer.

The veteran editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal is at the Waldorf-Astoria. He is in splendid health and greeted the many friends who called yesterday with wonderful animation and the vigor of a man in the prime of life. It is said that he has practically completed his life of Abraham Lincoln, which was his object in seeking seclusion abroad.

THIS BABY GIRL A FEATHER WEIGHT.

Mildred Rixon, Two Weeks Old, Tips the Scales at Twenty-two Ounces.

When Mildred Rixon shall have grown to womanhood she will have at least two things to boast about: That she was born one of the smallest mites of humanity the world has ever seen and that her earlier days were passed in a home-made incubator.

MRS. BOTKIN NOW FACES HER JURY.

Trial for the Murder of Mrs. Dunning with Poisoned Candy Is Begun.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—The jury which is to try Mrs. Cordella Botkin for the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., was completed this morning.

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Not Wreckage of the Pentagon.

General Agent Newcomb, of the Manhattan Steamship Company, said yesterday that the wrecking which fluted ashore at Provincetown, Mass., on Wednesday, did not belong to the Pentagon.

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COLER TO FIGHT ORR'S NEW PLAN.

Says County Bonds for Rapid Transit Would Be a Dangerous Thing.

MEANS DOUBLE BURDEN.

Other Counties in Greater City Could Also Put Double Tax on Real Estate.

Comptroller Coler took another slap at the Rapid Transit scheme yesterday at a meeting of the Commission, of which he is a member ex-officio. He had previously said that he would oppose the plan to have the County of New York issue bonds to build the rapid transit tunnel. Yesterday he repeated this, and declared that it would mean doubling the city's debt.

"You cannot jump in, secure your \$30,000,000, then jump out again and close the door after you," Mr. Coler said. "Each of the four counties in the consolidated city would demand bonds if this is done, and the result would be the \$200,000,000 added to the city debt."

Mr. Coler indicated that the Comptroller's fears were unfounded and said he was sure the Legislature would agree to make an exception in favor of the Rapid Transit Board's plan. As he understood the Republicans in the Legislature had decided to accept an amendment to Section 10 of the charter, drawn by W. C. De Witt, one of the Charter Commissioners, providing:

"Whenever the boundaries of any city are changed so that a county or when an city shall include within its boundaries more than one county, the power of any county wholly included within such city to become indebted shall cease, but the debt of any county wholly included shall not be a part of the debt of the city."

"That's the way in which the door will be shut after we come out," said Mr. Orr. "In any event, the power of New York County to incur debt, so far as permitted by legislation, will continue until this amendment of something like it is adopted. The Court of Appeals has ruled, in a case brought by the East River Savings Bank against the City of Brooklyn, that the Kings County can issue bonds to the extent of 10 per cent of real estate assessed valuations, even though the property is in the city proper, which also has the right of issuing up to 10 per cent."

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SEAMEN'S BANK TO PAY 4 PER CENT

Trustees of the Savings Institution Decide to Continue Old Rate.

The trustees of the Seamen's Bank for Savings decided yesterday to continue to pay depositors 4 per cent on deposits of \$2,000 or less. On larger accounts which were made prior to the passage of the limitation act of 1895, 2 1/2 per cent will be paid.

The bank carries deposits slightly in excess of \$40,000,000. There are over 75,000 depositors, averaging about \$500 each. Of old accounts in excess of \$1,000 there are only seven, aggregating \$71,000. A strong minority of the trustees favored a reduction of the rate.

No depositor is permitted to increase his deposit more than \$500 in any six months, and all deposits by persons known to be able to care for their money themselves are refused by the bank.

IGLESIAS VISITS WEST POINT.

Costa Rican President and His Party Enjoy a Trip Up the River by Boat.

Don Rafael Iglesias, President of Costa Rica, and his party, went up to West Point yesterday. The party was under the care of Colonel Carter, U. S. A., and the trip was made on the Government steamer General Meigs. At the West Point landing they were met by Colonel Mills, Colonel Hein and Lieutenant Hazard and a troop of cavalry. A salute of twenty-one guns was fired and the distinguished guest was shown through all the public buildings. Afterward President Iglesias received and inspected the battalion of cadets. The party returned to New York by train last night.

ALICE HOLLOWELL, THE "SUNSHINE POETESS."

Chaucery M. Depeu will act as master of ceremonies at the Windsor Hotel next Monday night, on the occasion of a reception and testimonial benefit to Miss Alice Hollowell, the lyrical "Sunshine Poetess" of Washington, D. C.

Depeu's duties will include several introductions, among them Rear-Admiral Schley, who will make a speech. Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox has written a poem for the occasion.

The noted prima donna, Nordica, is expected to sing, and Adèle Marie Rieky has promised to deliver an address on "Metemorphology," the next afternoon, after which she will give a deliquation of Rear-Admiral Schley's hand, which has been taken in plaster.

Miss Hollowell is a protégée of President McKinley. She brought a letter to Mr. Leland from the President, and he promptly tendered her the hotel, parlors, orchestra and collation—all free of charge. Miss Hollowell has spent much of her time during the last two days with Mr. McKinley.

DR. MARRY'S

DOCTOR MARRY'S FAMOUS FRENCH REMEDY NEVER FAILS.

I am a dentist, as you know, and have been troubled with severe headaches for about five years. I was treated by many physicians and relieved temporarily only. I saw Ripans Tabules advertised in the Philadelphia Record, and tried them. I have had no headaches since I commenced taking them, and feel much more able to do my work at the chair. I started to take the Tabules on Friday, October 22, 1897, and have taken two a day ever since.

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