

CHUCK CONNORS'S "HARD WALK" BALL

Chinatown's Mayor Explains the Mystery of a New Function.

NOT EASY TO ELUCIDATE.

But It Obviously Means That a "Gent" in Evening Dress Would Invite Murder.

CHUCK CONNORS'S ANNOUNCEMENT FOR HIS ANNUAL BALL NEXT FRIDAY.

"Ach Louer." "Ah, forget it." "Bring yer bundle wid yer and walk hard! No hat checks. Keep yer diers on!" Noise by Wolf. Dancing at 9 o'clock. Special feature of the ball will be a "Bowerly Hard Walk" for a prize.

N. B.—If any crabs' attempted Chuck'll git right inter der muss! "What's a 'hard walk'?" repeated Chuck Connors yesterday with an accent of contempt for his questioner. "Why, it means der guys dat's hard on der walk—smoke! It means dat a guy is dead tough on der walk—see? Dere's a 'old Tammany der lush'—say, he'd be a hard walker if he on'y stop drinkin'! Why, der 'Bowerly' is trainin' for dis walk; but I wants to say right here dat if any guys what comes to my ball gets crabs' I'll be pretty near gettin' next."

"Say, what'll I git for a prize for der guy what wins dis 'hard walk'?" "I see one git sumpin' der could split up between 'em. How'd a pair of kicks do, eh? I'll git 'em a pair of kicks, eh, 'boker? Say, I don't know what to do wid der bundle, but I aint goin' to give no two prizes, dat's dead! What d'ye say I gives der bundle a hatpin? Say, it woud do, erper's no good, any bundle can git a wip. I don't know what I can give 'em outside of a pair of kicks. Now, I'll split it. I'll give der bundle an order for a pair of kicks and der gal a silk umbrella."

"Does der bundies know der 'hard walk'?" "Say, young feller, see outer see Kitty McCluskey. She's pretty hard. Skinny Lulu aint so soft. Did yer ever tumble ter Steve Norton? Well, git on; she's a mango. Straight-haired Kitty, der bundle what lives down der lane, is pretty hard, too. Der Rummager? She's all right, but dere's a plenty of bundies dat's harder'n her. Now, fix up dese bundies wid guys like 'Nurdy Jim,' 'Dandy Tom,' 'Jack Smith' and 'Old Tammany,' and you'll git der hardest walkin' ever."

"But I'm afraid der guys what goes to der ball 'll all jump on when dey sees der bundle goin' in dey'll all git sore and start to pull in a dead one, so as ter knock der show. But dere's no guy goin' to git in what walks stiff. I want all der bokes ter walk on der level, and no boker's goin' ter walk wid one bundle all der time. I'm goin' ter switch 'em about. Any boker's ought walk hard wid one bundle and be on der bum wid another. You and me might walk wid Skinny Lulu and be chessey wid another gal. Der best bundle and der best guy wips, but dey's got to switch about until 'Jerry' Haley and 'Jimmy' Wilson, der judges, can see der best."

"Now, I know it's goin' to be murder and watch der night of der ball. I guess I'd better leave an order to have der track dere. Dere'll be crabs' sure, but I'll be next, and don't yer forget it. Any 'Helme' or 'Harp' dat gets too gay 'll git his lamps blowed out. Yer see der moon from McCabe's and McGirk's is trainin' fer dis hard walk, and dese guys tinks dey'll be der bull shootin' match. But der wants ter trim yer hair, der Chuck Connors, an' watch him git inter der crash."

"An' now, I'll just show yer what a 'hard walk' is. Come over in der back yard of No. 9 Poll street, an' I'll git me wif an' 'Little Mamie Smith an' 'Sulkey' an' we'll dance."

A SUICIDE'S MILLIONS.

Countess von Franchen-Sierstoff inherits a Fortune from E. F. Knowlton, Her Father.

On the written consent of Mary, Countess von Franchen-Sierstoff, the will of her father, Edward F. Knowlton, was admitted to probate in the Surrogate's Court, Brooklyn, yesterday. The estate, valued at \$1,000,000, goes mainly to the titled daughter and her descendants.

Mr. Knowlton committed suicide on October 25, at the home of his sister, West Upton, Mass. His straw goods factory was in that town, and he had a house in Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, besides much real and personal property.

Mr. Knowlton's only daughter, Mary, married Count von Franchen-Sierstoff, of Lutschen-Schlesien, Germany, in 1892.

Mr. Knowlton named his daughter's brother, Eben J. Knowlton, of No. 87 Remson street, and Thomas A. Buffum, of No. 154 Hicks street, as his daughter's executors for the relief of the poor of the same town, and \$40,000 is set aside for the Knowlton Memorial Library, to be established at Upton.

OLD AQUEDUCT BREAKS.

Water Spurts at Sing Sing and Damages a Bridge Over a Creek.

A break in the old Croton aqueduct occurred at Sing Sing some time on Sunday night which necessitated shutting off the water. The break is where the aqueduct is carried across a creek by a masonry arch. The rush of water carried away not only stones from the aqueduct but heavy masonry from the crown of the arch itself. The water flowed into the creek, which rose above its banks, but caused no great damage.

Chief Engineer Birdsall, of the Department of Water Supply, ordered the water shut off and sent Assistant Engineer McKay and a gang of men to complete repairs. Mr. Birdsall said the break made no difference in the city's supply. The old aqueduct had not been used for more than a year.

"I have been looking for weak spots, due to decay, to develop," said the chief engineer, "and this is no more than I expected. I understand that the arch is not seriously damaged."

BOYS AND HEART GERMS.

Some Things Which the Mothers' Congress Heard About—Taboo for Waulens.

W. L. Tomlins, director of the World's Fair chorus of 3,000 voices, lectured at the Mothers' Congress in Grand Central Palace yesterday on "Music for Children." At the same hour, Dr. Elmer Lee, of the Board of Health, lectured on "Hygiene."



Chuck Connors and His Wife in a "Hard Walk" Pose. (From a photograph taken for the Journal.)

Asked to describe the character of the "walk" which is to be given in his name on Friday night, the Mayor of Chinatown obligingly took an attitude with the Mayor's before the Journal's camera.

DELIGHTFUL DREAM IS DIVER'S DINNER

Sweet Sounds, Soft Sayings, Smooth Service, Succulent Steaks.

Diver's Classical Programme.

1. Overture—Bridal Chorus, "Lohengrin," Wagner
2. Recitation—Hamlet's Soliloquy, Shakespeare
3. Tenor solo—"Les Rameaux," Faure
4. Recitation—"Beethoven's II," Anon
5. Soprano solo—Aria from "Tannhauser," Wagner
6. Preparation of a special portrait of the Hon. Patrick Diver.
7. Come On Now, and Get Your Steak and Don't Be Too Gay
8. "Home, Sweet Home," Orchestra.

The above programme indicates the recesses of the P. Divers Association from the high-bonnet traditions of Madison street. The time is not so far back when the Divers had no use for either Shakespeare or Wagner. In the parlance of the Divers, both those masters were regarded as "dead ones" in more than a literal sense. When the Divers took a "boat" up the river in days gone by every man put a beak in one pocket and a black bottle in the other. When the bottle was empty the brick went into commission.

But all that is changed now. The beef-steak supper of last night was replete with artistic feeling. The classical selections on the programme were listened to with deep attention and applauded with discrimination. The steak was eaten dutifully with the fingers. There was no "rag-time" dancing or any other unseemly frivolity.

The supper began at 7 o'clock, and lasted until 510 pounds of steak, forty kegs of beer and seventeen and a half barrels of ale had been disposed of. Between bites the members puffed on corn-cob pipes.

A Sheriff's posse after Moore.

Hazleton, Ind., Dec. 12.—Robert Moore, a farmer living five miles east of this place, mortally shot Charles and Paris Becker, brothers, at the village church door last night in a quarrel over fencing church property.

SHOT TWO AT A CHURCH.

Sheriff's Posse After a Man Who Mortally Wounded Brothers in a Church Quarrel.

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HOPES TO ESCAPE THE DEATH CHAIR.

Murderer's Daughter, She Admits Murdering Her Own Child.

IS ON TRIAL FOR HER LIFE.

Hilda Peterson Pleads Hereditary Insanity as an Excuse for Her Awful Deed.

For the most dastardly of all crimes, infanticide, a young woman, Hilda Peterson, murderer, daughter of a murderer, is on trial for her life in Long Island City.

Hilda Peterson, on the night of March 8 last, killed her child, Annie, the offspring of betrayed love, at Rockville Centre, L. I. The baby's body was found thrust into a chicken coop, half covered by the snow. The body was nearly nude, but a cloak and cap were found that the mother had thrown away in her haste to be rid of the dead baby. She had brought the child at night to Rockville Centre, and there had poured carbolic acid, the most frightful of poisons, down the little throat.

Journal reporters found the bottle that had held the poison; they obtained photographs of the child and of the garments it had worn, and recognizing the photographs and description, Aral Olson identified the baby as that of Hilda Peterson, his cousin. She was a servant employed at No. 38 East Fifty-third street, this city. When arrested she confessed.

The defence will rely upon the plea of insanity. The girl's father killed her mother in Sweden. He was said to be insane. The girl's mother was thought by her neighbors to be unbalanced mentally. From this the defence will seek to prove that Hilda Peterson killed her child in an outbreak of insanity inherited from her parents. The prosecution will endeavor to prove the girl's wish to marry a man with whom she was in love as the motive for the wantonly cruel murder.

It took all of yesterday to secure a jury that would not hesitate to send a guilty woman to pay the death penalty. The full panel was secured at 4:20 o'clock. Of course, the presentation by Member Fisher of a pastel portrait of the Judge. It was unveiled at precisely ten minutes past 8. It is said the Judge had given several sittings for the portrait, but the surprise and confusion manifested by him when the screening sheet was removed gave the lie to the insinuation. With tears in his eyes he said, "Divers, I thank you; this is great."

UNHAPPY WIFE'S ACT.

Quarrelled with Her Husband, Who is Employed at Shanley's, and Then Poisoned Herself.

Mrs. Sarah Laribo, whose husband is a cook at Shanley's restaurant, Broadway and Thirtieth street, and living at No. 414 West Thirty-first street, committed suicide yesterday afternoon at the house of her friend, Mrs. McDuff, at No. 562 Eleventh street, by drinking carbolic acid, after having quarrelled with her husband on Sunday.

Mr. Laribo went to the house of a friend after the quarrel and Mrs. Laribo went to the house of Mrs. McDuff. She asked Mrs. McDuff's daughter, Agnes, to go out for a walk with her. On the way home she stopped at a drug store and purchased a bottle of carbolic acid. She walked to the house of Mrs. McDuff and at the third landing she stopped and drank the acid. She died in Roosevelt Hospital.

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CASHIER STEELE FOUND GUILTY.

Convicted of Fraudulently Representing Condition of Singerly's Bank.

DECEIVED COMPTROLLER.

By Queer Coincidence Both He and Gideon Marsh Will Probably Be Sentenced To-day.

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—William Steele, cashier of the defunct Chestnut Street National Bank, to which institution the late William M. Singerly, its president, was indebted in the sum of \$300,000, was convicted before Judge Butler, in the United States District Court to-day, of willfully deceiving the Comptroller of the Currency as to the true condition of the bank. He was taken to Moyamensing Prison, pending sentence.

In his address to the jury, Attorney Shields pointed out to the jury that the evidence had revealed that in 1893 Mr. Singerly was indebted to the bank in the sum of \$250,000, which was five times more than he had a right to borrow under the law; that this indebtedness was known to the president and directors of the bank at that time, who permitted it, knowing Mr. Singerly's vast wealth.

He told the jury they must not forget that the defendant knew these loans had been winked at and permitted to continue by all the officials above him, and they should place themselves in his position and say whether he, as an underling, should take it upon himself to go and complain to the directors or the president of something which they had permitted to go on.

In instructing the jury Judge Butler said: "It appears from the evidence that Mr. Singerly applied \$300,000 of the bank's property to his own use—being \$300,000 more than the entire capital of the bank; and if you believe the testimony of the directors who were before you, it was done, as respects the principal part of it, without their consent or knowledge and in clear violation of law. 'If this is so, the act was a flagrant misapplication of the bank's property, and if Mr. Singerly so understood it he was guilty of a willful misapplication of the property, with intent to injure and defraud, as contemplated by the statute and charged in the indictment.' The jury was out less than two hours when they returned a verdict of guilty. Steele, it is said, will be brought into court to-day with Gideon Marsh for sentence.

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