

dozen and will pay them in Bogusburg lots.

Next Sunday, in the Metropolitan Church, the Rev. Orthodox Whitechoker will preach on the sin of dancing. The rev. gentleman has a cork leg. American dimes will be taken at par in the collection.

Yah Hoo is a late arrival in Bogusburg. He will establish a saw-mill here. The machinery, consisting of a buck-saw, saw-horse and a small Chinese prayer-wheel, is now on the way, and will arrive in a few days.

The Bogusburg Dramatic Society will open the new opera house next Saturday evening with a play written by a local man, entitled, "The Bogusburg Boom." Synopsis of the play:—"Farewell, my own; I will secure a townsite,"—"Let's boom it,"—"These lots are already sold—Mark 'em off,"—"The world is mine,"—"Bursting of the Boom, with elaborate mechanical and stage effects,"—"All's well that ends well." Extended notice of the performance and performers will be given next week.

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

AN American exchange says: "The President and his family know their pew, and walk in and occupy it just the same as any other pew-holder." Did the editor expect to see the President turning handsprings up the aisle?

WE see by the daily papers that Miss Esther Lyons proposes to give a production of Damon and Pythias, with local talent, at an early date. It is suggested that the talented actress should not overlook the claims of Mr. William Harrington Ellis and Hon. Theodore Davie to appear in the title roles.

PHILIP CHALK authorizes us to deny the insinuation contained in last Sunday morning's Colonist, that his antediluvian duster and spring generally make their appearance at the same time. In fact, the Colonist went so far as to say

that much of the bad weather this season could be traced directly to Mr. Chalk's seasonable coat. This is denied, and the Colonist is hereby notified to retract said statement, or cut Philip off its visiting list.

IN connection with a wedding which took place in Victoria the other day, it is related that the couple became engaged over 20 years ago. At that time the male member of the contract was struggling hard for a living, but was anxious to marry the woman of his choice. She declined on the ground of poverty, and told the young man that she could not wed him until he was at least worth \$40,000. He left her, and remained away for 20 years. He returned a couple of weeks ago, when the following conversation is reported as having taken place:—

"Did you get the \$40,000?" she asked him.

"No," was the reply, "I have not got \$40."

"Oh, well," she said (and here's where she proved herself a woman), "that's close enough; I'll marry you now."

THE great international sporting event in which Robert Foster, a professor of the manly art of self-defence, engaged to spar George Reed, of Portland, for points, is over, and, contrary to the expectations of the professor, the result has been declared in favor of Reed. We do not propose to go into the details of the exhibition. All we desire to do, and we believe it is our prerogative, is to explain why it was that Prof. Foster did not win the contest. "England's pride," as the Professor is known in London prize ring circles, was over-trained. His first trainer was not giving satisfaction, and was changed at the suggestion of a friend. This necessitated a new-trainer, with the result that his treatment was not at all what the doctor ordered. Prof. Foster, who is inspired with deep reverence for prize ring ethics, considered that it would be unprofes-

sional to complain, and thus sacrificed his name and reputation. Notwithstanding that his more intimate friends were aware of this fact, they were confident that he would win the fight, and in the fifth round, when he "winked the other eye" at the request of Reed, people thought it meant something; but it transpired later on it was only a signal for a black eye. All things considered, Reed should not gloat over his victory; in other words, he should not "mock the lion thus laid low."

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