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Mrs. Oelrichs a Week Ago a Millionaire, Now Poor.

New York, April 22.—Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs, of New York, who was Theresa Alice Fair before her marriage and sister of Mrs. W. L. Vanderbilt, Jr., lost her entire fortune by the destruction of the Fairmont Hotel in the San Francisco earthquake. It was her share of the great fortune left by Senator James G. Fair to his children. She had invested it in the hotel property, one of the very finest buildings in San Francisco, now a mass of torn and twisted girders and brick.

Dispatches from New York say that Mrs. Oelrichs is distracted at her home on Fifth avenue because she can learn nothing from her relatives in the stricken city. Every means that could be used were employed to secure some word from them, but not a telegram could be gotten through.

"But it's all gone now. From what I gather, everything I own has been swept away and nothing now remains. But apart from the devastation, what a desecration! None but a Californian can understand. Yesterday, I suppose the sun set gloriously, shooting its rays far over the blue waters. Today, the smoke from the raging fires dims all that, casting the city into a strange darkness."

It was strange to hear a leader of smart society talking like this. To a certain degree it was like the heroine in a western play, who, being torn away from the place of her birth, passionately murmurs: "My beautiful west; oh, my glorious California!"

"At what figure do you estimate your loss?"
"Oh, I can't say. If the newspapers' accounts are correct, practically all my property is in ruins. I have not received a word; I know nothing but what I can build up from the telegraphic dispatches."

Only recently Mrs. Oelrichs traded her \$2,000,000 Fairmont Hotel for the Rialto and Crosby buildings. Both of these are at the corner of Mission and Montgomery streets, and both are said to have been demolished. Asked if she cared to put her name on a list of subscriptions for the relief of the stricken city, Mrs. Oelrichs replied: "I can't do it. I simply can't. I have lost so heavily myself that it is impossible."

SMALL COMPANIES SMASH
San Francisco Fire Disastrous to Some Insurance Concerns.

New York, April 23.—The Tribune says: Although New York fire insurance underwriters got little or no direct information from their San Francisco general agents Saturday, they learned enough from the newspaper reports of the disaster to tell them that at least fourteen insurance companies will be wiped out.
Just what companies will go no one ventures to predict.
The estimates of the total loss to the insurance companies have not varied from Friday's estimates of \$225,000,000.

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THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY
(From The London Advertiser of April 23 1871.)

The anniversary of St. George's Society will be celebrated tonight by a grand dinner at the City Hotel.

Mr. Christie, of this city, has been awarded the contract for the new Victoria block, St. Thomas.

The Prince Albert Band of Hope entertainment will take place on Wednesday evening. The programme will be announced tomorrow evening. Look out for it.

Why can't it be done? Merchants have good reason to grumble. They are charged enough for it, and should have the street watering done properly.

Rev. A. T. Porter, of Charleston, N. C., is in the city, making arrangements for sending several of his children to Hellmuth College, and intends to come over and spend the summer months in our midst.

A lecture on "Christian Life in the Nineteenth Century" will be delivered in the Congregational Church, King street, tomorrow evening, at 7.30, by the Rev. J. A. R. Rickson. The general public is invited. Admission, 10 cents, payable at the door. The proceeds to be devoted to the repair fund of the church.

Pro. Moore, of Illinois, who has been making quite a sensation in this city with his "instant relief" cure, has gone this morning to Chatham, prepared to convince the people of that enlightened place that all his asserts of his "instant relief" is correct.

This evening a deputation leaves for Goderich to meet the county council, the bonus question being before that body. The deputation consists of the president, John Birrell, Esq., and Messrs. J. Adkinson and M. Anderson, solicitor and engineer. No doubt the bonus will be passed in Huron.

We are requested to state that a convention of teachers will be held at Mason's Hotel, London, on May 6, at 1 p.m., for the purpose of considering the best means of furthering the interests of the profession, and likewise for discussing the different clauses of the new school bill. Teachers and all parties interested in education are requested to attend.

A party of roughs on Saturday night paid a visit to a house on Pall Mall street, occupied by a colored woman and her daughter, and amused themselves by smashing things generally. A man who was in the house at the time was well-nigh killed, the old woman's head got seriously injured, and the house "tore all to pieces," so says the constable.

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FURS STORED FOR SUMMER.

LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mrs. Fred Heath and children have left for a visit to Winnipeg.

—Mrs. Rickert, of Montreal, is the guest of Miss Ida G. Hawkins, Arva.

—Miss Effie McCole, of Glasgow, Scotland, arrived on Friday night on an extended visit to her uncle, Mr. John McCole, of 14 Hyatt street.

—The marriage of Miss Love Rosier, daughter of Mr. Fred Rosier, of West London, and Mr. Kenneth McGregor Black, only son of Capt. James Black, of London Township, was performed at Vancouver on April 11. Rev. J. Willard Leitch officiated.

—Armstrong and Holly, who were seen a short time ago at Bennett's Vaudeville Theatre, in a sketch entitled "The Expressman," were playing in San Francisco when the terrible earthquake shook the city. They were at the Orpheum Theatre.

—Miss Stella Latta, of 23 Bruce street, entertained a number of her young friends on Friday evening last, in honor of her guests, Miss Viola Knowles, of Toronto. After progressive games and music, a light lunch was served, and everyone voted it to be one of the jolliest evenings of the season.

A sectionman named Kayley, about 21 years old, of Watford, was struck by the engine of an extra freight at Kingscourt Saturday, and fatally injured. Kayley, with other sectionmen, were moving rails, and was warned of the approaching train, but did not move quickly enough, and was hurled a considerable distance. He alighted on his head, causing concussion of the brain.

SHIRINERS' CELEBRATION OFF.
The Mysic Shiriners' celebration at Los Angeles has been called off. On Saturday Harry Collins, of Toronto, imperial potentate, announced that instead of the big merry-making gathering in California, a purely business meeting will be held, either in Chicago or New York. Mr. Collins has telegraphed a contribution of \$25,000 to the relief fund, as a gift from the imperial council treasury.

NORTHWEST VETERAN DEAD.
Mr. James Beecroft died in this city yesterday. Mr. Beecroft was 69 years of age, a native of Nottingham, England, and was a veteran of the Northwest rebellion, serving there with No. 1 Company of the Seventh Regiment. Deceased is survived by two sons, one of whom reside in Grand Rapids. The funeral will take place from Ferguson's undertaking establishment at 2.30 Tuesday afternoon. About 85 members of the Veterans' Association of this city will attend the funeral.

COLLEGE—SHARP.
A urgent but pretty wedding took place recently at 450 Ottawa avenue, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adair, when Miss Mary Sharp, of Delaware, became the bride of Mr. W. W. Colledge, of Winnipeg. The bride was tastefully attired in a suit of green chiffon broadcloth and carried curations. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. B. Lancelley, of Dundas Center Methodist Church. After a dainty wedding breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Colledge, left for a short trip, and on their return were tendered a reception by Bothy Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Colledge. A dainty tea was served, after which the guests were entertained with music, speeches, readings. Among those taking part were Miss Teffer, Miss McNice, Miss Adair, Col. McEwen, Mr. T. Woodhull, Mr. J. James, and Mr. A. Kilbourn. Mr. and Mrs. Colledge arrived on Wednesday for their home in Winnipeg.

Remember the clearing sale of household furniture and utensils at the residence of Mr. J. C. Snel, 622 Trafalgar street, tomorrow (Tuesday), commencing at 10.30 o'clock. Neil Cooper, auctioneer.

Holland has just celebrated an unusual journalistic festival. Hagler has the distinction of possessing one of the oldest newspapers in the world, the Haarlemsche Courant, founded 250 years ago. A copy of the first issue was exhibited.

Nine-tenths of the peasants in Russia live in huts without floors, and too low for a tall man to stand in.

LICENSES ISSUED BY TWO BOARDS

East and West Middlesex Commissioners Consider Applications for the Year.

The East Middlesex license commissioners held their adjourned meeting on Saturday afternoon.
The transfer of the Old House from John Smart to Wm. Bell was agreed to. There had been some trouble as to the terms, but the parties finally came together, and the commissioners signed the transfer.

The following licenses were granted for the ensuing year: D. Dyer, London Junction; W. J. Barnes, London Junction; and J. Cook, Arva.

Mr. J. Quigley, Denfield; D. T. Thody, Lambeth; R. L. Dawson, Thorncliffe; and J. H. Emigh, Thorncliffe, all have their licenses extended for three months.

The latter two must make certain repairs to the premises required by the commissioners, and will meet again on Saturday next when several other

A. M. Hunt New Secretary of Western Fair Board

Chosen to Succeed J. A. Nelles, Resigned—Ex-Secretary Appreciated.

Mr. A. M. Hunt, of this city, was appointed secretary of the Western Fair board at a meeting of the directors on Saturday afternoon.

Col. Garthshore read the report of the meeting of the executive committee, which had accepted the resignation of Secretary J. A. Nelles, and had appointed Mr. Hunt as secretary in his place.

As soon as the executive report was read, Ald. Cooper jumped up with the remark that he was not satisfied with the second part of the report. He declared loudly that it was "hole in the corner" affair, and he pulled lustily for the appointment of the lady assistant, Miss Harrison, as secretary. He was then willing for anybody to have the cleared lobby for the position.

An amendment was then framed up to the effect that the appointment should be left over until the next meeting, and a secretary advertised.

Col. Garthshore, George G. McCormick, George M. Reid, Dr. Routledge, and others, thought the appointment should be made at once. It was too late for delay, Mr. Hunt was well known and well qualified for the position. Nothing could be gained by delay.

When the amendment was put only the vote for it, and the original motion, confirming the action of the executive, in appointing Mr. Hunt, was carried.

NEW CHURCH AT CHELSEA GREEN DEDICATED BY REV. DR. M'CRAE

Opening Service in Presbyterian Structure Held on Sunday Afternoon.

The new Presbyterian church at Chelsea Green was dedicated yesterday afternoon, the sermon for the occasion being preached by Rev. Dr. M'Crae, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Westminster.

The construction of the building, being that of the modern Sunday school, is such that it may be used equally well for church and Sunday school purposes. Class rooms and a gallery may be put in, if required. In its present condition it has a seating capacity of 250 persons, and as there are only 36 families at present residing at Chelsea Green it will probably be some time before it will be found necessary to enlarge the church. The approximate cost of the building is \$3,000.

A goodly sum was realized from the collection, which will go toward buying hymn books for the Sunday school.

Dr. Merchant presided yesterday afternoon, and Rev. James Rollins, of King Street Church, offered the dedicatory prayer.

Rev. Dr. M'Crae preached an appropriate dedication sermon, taking his theme from the fourth chapter of John. This chapter, he said, is a splendid example of the way in which Jesus deals with the human soul, and it is this work with which Chelsea Green Church, as a church of Christ, will have to deal. To reclaim the down-fallen, those who are not living right is the work for the church of God. Many ways are tried to bring people into the kingdom. Some do good, and some only drive people away, but if they go by the teaching of Christ as shown in this chapter, they cannot fail to do good. The first point which we learn from Christ's dealings with the human soul, is that we must be earnest, earnestly earnest. There is no more sanctified common sense in anything than there is in trying to bring souls into the kingdom of God, and then build them up to become better men and women. Christ's method is philosophical. Jesus approached the woman of Samaria on the ground of humanity, and the only way in which one man can influence another is by approaching him on the broad ground of humanity. Another point he may notice is that Jesus asked a favor of her, and Christ is asking a favor of us all. Jesus addressed her personally. We should approach men and talk with them personally.

"During my ministry," continued Dr. M'Crae, "I have approached a great

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applications for licenses will be considered. The West Middlesex commissioners met on Saturday afternoon at Glencoe, and granted sixteen of the eighteen applications for licenses.

W. J. Harrison, of Longwood, was given a three months' extension to sell out.

Angus Graham, of Mount Brydges, the other applicant whose license was merely extended for three months, will have his application renewed at a later date.

This caused Ald. Cooper to remark: "Never mind! We'll have them out next year!"

Several of the members spoke very kindly of Mr. Nelles, and regretted his resignation. The executive had the following regarding the ex-secretary framed in a resolution:

"In recommending the acceptance of Mr. Nelles' resignation, the executive committee desires to express their appreciation of his services to the association since its appointment. He has always been zealous and accurate and very anxious for the success of the Western Fair, and they regret his connection with him with genuine regret."

Secretary Nelles replied briefly. He denied that there was any friction between himself and members of the board. It was absolutely a matter of business. His business was such that he could not attend to both any longer.

A communication was received from the Hackney Horse Society of London, England, offering one silver medal for the best hackney stallion at the fair, and also a silver medal for the best hackney mare.

A vote of thanks was tendered the society and will be forwarded to it.

There was a considerable agitation for the lowering of the fences along Dundas street, and also for the erection of new ticket booths. The sum of \$200 was appropriated for this work.

The board is trying to make arrangements for an airship to be exhibited at the fair this year. It would prove a valuable attraction.

The grounds and building committee recommended the appointment of Mr. J. H. Brown as superintendent of the grounds. The board accepted the recommendation. The question of salary will be decided later.

Many protests were made against the appointment of George Benson as judge of vegetables. The matter was referred to the agricultural committee.

many men, and have yet to have a single reproachful word spoken to me, and I believe that men want to be spoken to about their spiritual welfare."

Dr. M'Crae then went on to point out that the method in which Christ approached this woman distinctly points out the value he places upon a single soul. Then Christ spoke to her, in a way which made her feel the necessity of being saved. He brightened up the truth by the use of imagery. Christ tried to make her think. It is thoughtlessness that is keeping most people out of the Kingdom of God. So that she felt the divinity of his reasoning. It does little good to reproach men for their sins. Christ had not a single word of denunciation against this sinner. We should hold up the mirror of the truth before people and let them see the error of their ways reflected therein. Just as Christ did with this woman. Christ revealed the scriptures to her in such a way that it showed all controversy. People once quarred about the attitudes of prayer. Some stood and others knelt. If we worship in spirit and truth, then our worship, no matter what the form, will be acceptable to God. We should be reverent no matter what the form. Christ put an end to all controversy by the following words, "I, that speak unto thee, am God."

After the service, Rev. James Rollins stated that it is intended that Sunday school will be opened next Sunday, and that he would like to hear from any who would care to take the responsibility of teaching a class. He also stated that next Tuesday it will be definitely settled whether there will be Sunday evening services held in the church or not. A non-sectarian day school, to which all will be welcome, will be held in the church building during week days.

A woman who appeared in a London police court the other day was described as a "paving agent." She makes her living by paving things for her neighbors, who pay her a commission, because they believe she can secure larger loans than they could.

Tien Tsin stands second among the thirty ports of China in the gross value of the trade that passes through the port, and also in the amount of revenue collected by the customs. In so far as American goods are concerned, Tien Tsin even has a rival claim on Shanghai for first place.

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Pet dogs in sunbonnets and blue glass spectacles may be seen following their owners through the streets of Berlin in hot weather.

George Ross, postmaster at Hancock, Texas, who was appointed by a Republican administration, is a county commissioner elected as a Democrat, a justice of the peace elected as an independent, and a school trustee for the precinct.