

VANDALISM IN LOUVRE.

Remains of the Destruction of Paintings They Are to Be Incased.

Another act of vandalism at the Louvre has been committed. Just before the museum closed for the day a girl took from her pocket a pair of scissors and deliberately incised lines on the picture of the Bastille chapel, piercing the eyes of the pope and three cardinals.

A guard, who was a witness of the act, arrested the girl, who stated that she had taken the picture that she might be taken into custody.

This is the third outrage of the kind committed in the Louvre within two months, and it is felt that if the priceless collections there are to be adequately safeguarded radical reforms must be introduced in the surveillance of the galleries and their contents.

As a result, it has been decided that certain pieces of sculpture—notably the famous Venus of Milo—are to be the object of special protection. Glass is to be placed in front of several chefs d'oeuvre of painting, and, in addition to an increase in the number of guards, fifty plain clothes policemen are to be added to the staff.—Modern Society.

Socialism in Hungary.

In Hungary a noticeable factor, writes our Budapest correspondent is the enormous influence that Germany, Italy and England wield. Every work of value dealing with the diverse forms of Socialism has been translated and scattered broadcast in all disaffected and discontented areas. Fines and imprisonment increase, but the literature of social democracy is flooding villages, hamlets and town with new ideas and providing new forces. Certainly one of the best equipped printing establishments I have ever seen outside England is that of the Socialists in Budapest. It is an enormous place. It represents money and it makes money, and money means organization, and from this flows power.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Little Man, Big Head.

John O. Archibald, the other John D. of the Standard Oil Company, and the active working principal, is about five feet three inches in height, but his head is big enough for a seven-footer. It is a remarkable head, physically speaking, and when Archibald was on the witness stand the newspaper cartoonists accentuated his physiological bumps. Once he leaped from the chair and snatched a pencil from a cartoonist's fingers. Like the other John D. this one has a pet college, the Syracuse University, to which he has contributed more than a million dollars.

"Hound of the Baskervilles."

Coman Doyle's "Hound of the Baskervilles," a "fearsome animal," is said to have its origin in the legends of packs of spectral hounds, which are popular in various parts of England and Wales. In the North of England these apparitions are known as "Ghoul's hounds;" in Devon, the "Wick," "West," or "Heath hounds;" in Wales, "Cron Anwn," or "Cwn Wybir," and in Cornwall, the "devil's sandy dogs." They are supposed to be evil spirits hunting the souls of the dead.

Royal Joke Not Appreciated.

Leopold of Belgium has been playing his royal joke about his unruly grubs for many a year, laying every story of his unbecoming behavior to his "double" in Paris, M. Fourret of the Hachette publishing house. But Fourret, who is eminently respectable, is getting tired of the joke, and proposes to bring suit for libel against the King. Leopold's reputation is of no sort of consequence at this date, but M. Fourret's is valuable.

Chair of Animal Psychology.

For the study of animal psychology a new chair has been founded in connection with the Natural History Museum at the Jardin des Plantes, Paris. It will be under the direction of M. Pierre Hachet-Souplet, who will seek to establish an intellectual gradation of the animals that are domesticated as well as the wild. Their passions, their hatreds, their joys, their sorrows, will all be studied thoroughly.

A Central Cooking Hall.

Garden City, Letchworth, Herts, England, is to have a central cooking hall for cooks and domestics, all the tenants to share the expenses, the object being to save wives the worry and expense of preparing meals, and to give servants greater freedom and more dignity.

Increase in Automobile Exhibitors.

At the Paris automobile exhibition in 1908 there were 340 exhibitors and \$200,000 worth of machines were shown. This year the exhibitors number 1,400 and the exhibited property is of the value of \$3,000,000.

Egg-Distributing Stations.

England maintains nearly 400 egg-distributing stations for the purpose of bettering the poultry of the country.

First Tinplate in Canada.

Consul John A. Hamilton of Cornwall reports that on October 25, the first tinplate made in Canada was produced at a steel works at Morrisburg.

Baker Theater.

The offering next week at the Baker Theatre will be one of unusual interest. The opening attraction on the programme will be the first performance on any stage of a unique curtain raiser called "The House of the Priest" by Mr. Charles Carver of the Bellows-Spencer Stock Company. That Mr. Carver, in his new role of author, will be warmly greeted by his many friends and admirers in Rochester during the coming week is already evident.

The great comedy "Our Boys," famous as holding the world's record for a long run, having played five years in succession at the Vaudeville Theatre, London, is to be the leading attraction at the Baker Theatre. "The House of the Priest" and "Our Boys" under the direction of Mr. Bellows will run all week at the Baker Theatre, with matinees Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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A NORWEGIAN.

Leaps Great Distance of 130 Feet or Snowshoes.

If, as is reported, a Norwegian athlete has succeeded in leaping the enormous distance of 130 feet on his snowshoes, his prospect of winning the championship at the forthcoming Hopend at Holmenkollen, near Christiania, ought to be indeed rosy. It is not many years since a leap of seventy feet from a platform two-thirds of the way down the steep snow slope which forms the track at Holmenkollen was considered marvellous. Today a comparative tyro can afford to smile at such a feeble effort.—Westminster Gazette.

Forgotten Poet.

The Rev. Mardy Rees of Chelsea, who has been lecturing on "Ebenezer Jones, the neglected poet," has now published an interesting little pamphlet giving the result of his researches. For Jones lived in Chelsea, died at forty in 1860, and was buried at Shenfield. Mr. Rees describes him as a Welshman, and as to his claims to fame, Watts Dunton has written that among men who have expressed themselves in English verse I greatly doubt whether a more robust personality has appeared since Byron. Dante Gabriel Rossetti, who knew Jones well, once said: "This remarkable poet, affords nearly the most striking instance of neglected genius in our modern school of poetry."—South Wales Daily News.

America's Modern House.

A very modern architect predicts the house of one large room, a small electric kitchen attached and an enormous inclosed porch with facilities for outdoor sleeping. Whether housekeepers will care for his scheme or not is a question, but it is undoubtedly true that the comparatively small kitchen, the big porch, and the generous living room have come to stay.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Fewer Births in France.

The condition of France might be put in a nutshell: "More marriages, more divorces and fewer births." No one can call this a healthy condition of affairs. It means that, if the present movements were continued over a sufficiently long period of time, they are bound to end in the disappearance of the French population.—Country Life.

Petroleum Through the Suez Canal.

The prohibition against carrying petroleum through the Suez Canal, which has been in force several years, has been removed. This concession means much to European consumers, as about 250,000 tons are annually brought from Borneo and Sumatra.

Generous Queen.

Queen Elizabeth of Rumania, is very much interested in the establishment of an asylum for the blind and announces that to anyone who will send her a donation, large or small, she will send a letter of thanks signed by herself.

"American Dentist" Prohibited.

Consul William C. Teichman sends from Eibenstock the translation of a decision of the supreme court of Germany which prohibits the use in that empire of the title "American dentists."

No man has any business to say that his boy is honter than he was—or is.

New York Pays \$70,000,000 in Salaries. It costs nearly as much to pay the salaries of the municipal servants of New York City as it does to support the entire army of the United States. The salaries amount to \$70,000,000 annually.

Canandaigua, N. Y.

Prayers were said last Sunday for Mrs. Peter Coyne, who died last Friday. She was a member of the L. C. B. A. and the Rosary; the latter society assembled Sunday afternoon for prayers at the home of the deceased. Funeral took place Monday morning.

A very beautiful and interesting program was carried out on St. Patrick's eve at Bemis Hall. Father Sullivan delivered an eloquent address and fifteen members of the Sodality put on "The Chaperone" in exceedingly creditable fashion. The entertainment will net about \$60.

The high mass on St. Patrick's day was well attended. Father Dougherty spoke on the Last Century of Irish History.

The Sodality and Children of Mary will receive holy communion next Sunday. It is the Sunday also for the school collection.

Masses this week for Mrs. Mary Toomey, Mrs. Ann Clark and Thomas Kaveny.

The Penn Yan Democrat publishes this week the Honorable Thomas Carmody's recent address on Ireland in eloquence and song—a splendid tribute to Irish genius and worth.

The Rev. John J. Donnelly of Victor, started last week on a trip to Cuba, Jamaica, Mexico and Texas. His many friends wish him "Bon Voyage."

AUBURN, N. Y.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick held their first annual banquet and meeting at the Osborne House on Tuesday night. The dining hall was decorated with green and presented a pretty scene. At 9:30 the members of the club marched into the dining room to the strains of Irish music played by the Grill Orchestra. The feast was very elaborate and was enjoyed by all present. Toasts were given by some prominent young Irishmen. It is planned to hold the event each year.

The young ladies of St. Mary's church entertained the members of the congregation on Tuesday night with a clever comedy sketch which was well put on and created much amusement. The proceeds were turned over to the school fund of the church.

A St. Patrick play was put on at Grand Hall on Tuesday night by the young people of St. Aloysius congregation. The affair was largely attended and the proceeds were given to the school fund.

The Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus are planning for their annual ball and reception, which is to be held in Music Hall on April 29th.

A special St. Patrick's day service was conducted at Holy Family church Tuesday morning. High mass was celebrated at 9:30 o'clock with Rev. J. J. Hickey as celebrant. Rev. P. J. McArdle was present in the sanctuary. The church was filled, a large number of men being present. The school children also attended in a body. The panegyric was delivered by Rev. J. F. Winters of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ithaca. He is an old Auburn boy and his address was listened to with the strictest attention. At certain parts of his discourse many were visibly moved and when he spoke of Ireland as the home and described many scenes with which so many were familiar tears flowed from many eyes.

THE ORIGIN OF BOCK BEER

False Impression Dispelled Concerning the Use of the Word "Bock"

Different beliefs have long obtained as to the origin of the word "bock" in its relation to beer. The more common one is that bock is derived from or substituted for the word "buck" (due to pictorial representations) and that bock beer contains properties which tend to make a person feel like a buck in its native environment. This impression is, of course, erroneous, for in this respect it differs not at all from other brands of beer. The word "bock" is of historical derivation being the last syllable of the name of a centuries old town in Prussia, Eimbock, noted for its peculiar style of beer, which was rather heavy and was allowed to lie in vats and age for months and months before use. These principles, except that glass-lined steel tanks are now used, do not differ from those employed by the Flower City Brewing Company of this city, whose bock beer is brilliantly brown in color and of pleasant flavor. A call on phones 271 will insure its prompt delivery to anyone's home. It will also be on draught by all customers.

For the Orphan's.

Concerts for the benefit of the orphans were given on Tuesday evening, March 17th, at 8 o'clock, by the choir of the city.

The concert at the new Cathedral Hall was under the direction of Prof. Eugene Bonn. Immaculate Conception Hall under the direction of William F. Predmore; St. Mary's Hall under the direction of Patrick Kenny; at St. Joseph's Hall under the joint direction of St. Bridget's and Corpus Christi churches, with M. Kearney and managers, and at the Blessed Sacrament Hall under the direction of Charles J. Rhoades.

The concerts were well patronized and successful in every way.

Cook Opera House.

Miss Valerie Bergere is to be the star entertainer in the bill of vaudeville to be offered next week at the Cook Opera House. This season she has a new vehicle called "The Morning After the Play." Another notable offering will be what is called the biggest animal act on the stage. This will be presented by the Novellos. Magic, black art and humorous scenes will be presented by the Sledes pantomime company, who are said to be wonderfully expert in interpreting thought by motion without spoken words. Mr. and Mrs. Volker will have a musical Stradivarius. Swor Brothers will offer black face comedy. The Kemps, colored entertainers, promise an amusing mixture of fun, singing and dancing. Carson and Willard, the famous German comedians, will present their side splitting act, and the kinetograph will project new pictures.

National Theater.

Miss Rose Melville who is making her ninth consecutive tour in "Sis Hopkins" has been booked for an engagement of three nights and two matinees at the National Theatre beginning with Monday matinee. The play may very properly be said to be the most popular play which has been staged in 20 years. Miss Melville, since she originated the character nine years ago, has played in every city in the United States and in nearly all the larger cities of Canada.

Charles E. Blaney will present "Young Buffalo, King of the Wild West" in this city at the National Theatre the last half of next week. The play is a typical American one, as it is founded on



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This dumb man is a figure of the human race, which, being a victim of the demon, like a blind man cannot see its own misery nor the infamy of its morals, nor the light of truth, nor its duties, nor God. And like a dumb man, it cannot utter a word in praise of the divine majesty, nor a word in behalf of its own welfare. In a more particular sense, the dumb man was a figure of those sinners who, blinded by their passions, cannot see things pertaining to God or to their own souls; and, being mute in matters of religion they open not their lips to confess their sins, to praise God, or to implore His mercy. Let us pray God that He may not permit us to become blind and dumb like so many unfortunate brethren. By the words related in the Gospel Christ proved that it was impossible for the demon to conquer against himself; that he could not be put to flight except by the power of God, and that if He, Christ, could cast out devils, then the time foretold by the prophets had come—the time when God would reign in men's hearts by His grace.

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