

It was in the full of 1855 at the wedding of the daughter of Contractor Pollock, head of the firm of Pollock & Cummings, the John D. Crimmins of that day. He lived on West Eighteenth street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, next day to the old Eighteenth school, long since torn down. She was a charming, rosy-checked girl, with a small but dainty figure. Directly after the marriage ceremony, while the wedding guests were still gathered in the parlor, Contractor Pollock weighed his daughter with gold pieces on an old fashioned Dutch scales, a tremendous affair, such as they use for weighing cheese in Holland, and he piled gold pieces into the other scale until the little woman swung in the air. She tipped the scales at 96 pounds and it took, as I recollect, something between \$17,000 and \$18,000 in gold to set her swinging.

This created the biggest kind of a sensation in the town. I recall that the sun had a most entertaining account of it. For months afterward crowds used to go to the old school to get a glimpse of the recipient of this generous dowry. The lower windows of the school looked right into the back parlors of the Pollock mansion and gave an excellent view of the little woman as she sat there sewing or playing the piano. She seemed to be amused by the popular interest that her father's whim had excited. The old gentleman was a Jim Dandy anyhow, and that \$18,000 could easily be spared for her. He was a bit of a dandy himself.

The Farm's Progress.

The following resolutions were presented and unanimously adopted by the farmers' convention at Sedalia, Mo., on Nov. 12:

Recommending the coalition of the live stock agents can be exempt from such exchange; recommending the passage of national laws requiring the stamping of official hog products, demanding the passage of a federal law prohibiting gambling in farm products, endorsing the principle of reciprocity and work already accomplished by the world's fair directory.

The following resolutions previously reported upon adversely by the committee were rejected by the congress: Demanding free coinage of silver dollars of the value of 100 cents each; demanding government ownership of railroads and telegraphs; demanding that the national revenues be derived from taxes upon imports which come into competition with home manufacturers; demanding federal prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors and demanding the cession of arid lands to the various states in which arid lands are situated.

The czar is again on the move. This time he has gone to Borki, where he narrowly escaped injury several years ago.

As an evidence of friendship the French government is about to confer decorations upon the Russian officers, Dimitri Denskei and Nimin Zalinia.

The McCarthy's, who are inclined to be ultra-fashionable, are beginning to spell their name McCarty with the French prefix de before it. Justin McCarthy has not yet adopted this style, it is understood.

Mr. Gladstone is almost the only member of the house of commons who sits uncovered in parliament. Thus his face is more readily scanned by visitors who look at Britain's legislators at a distance through a grating.

Ella Smith, of Argonia, Kan., a leading and handsome woman suffragist, proposed marriage to Walter Tiffin, and within three minutes Justice Gibson was sent for and she had him married and her deed to him in her pocket. This goes to prove the old adage that a man never knows when he is safe.

Secretary Foster's speech on silver ranks almost as high as the eloquent effort which formed the last incident in the life of Secretary Windom, his predecessor, and is a fit answer to the democratic craze for free silver. - Ex.

It is so Large That it May Have to be Repudiated.

[Cleveland Leader.]

The public indebtedness of the Argentine Republic and of the various provinces constituting that country is equal to about 220 for every man, woman and child living within its boundaries. At the close of the civil war the debts of the United States and of the states did not amount to more than \$90 per capita. In other words, the public indebtedness of the American people when their burden was greatest did not amount to half so much, in proportion to their number, as the load of debt under which the Argentines are staggering.

It need scarcely be said that the ability of the people of this country to pay their obligations was vastly greater, man for man, than that of the inhabitants of the Argentine Republic, many of whom are only semi-civilized. In the light of such figures it is easy to see that repudiation on a large scale is almost inevitable, despite the natural wealth and wonderful resources of the La Plata valley, and it is clear that public bankruptcy and individual ruin, in many cases, must for a long time to come blight the prosperity of a region which, but for the folly of wholesale inflation, would have enjoyed very bright prospects and almost universal comfort.

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