

COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.

DELEGATES FROM TWENTY-FOUR STATES MEET.

Their Object Is to Consider Means of Promoting Business Interests of Their States—Letter from President Harrison.

The first Western States Commercial Convention convened at the Curtis Opera House, in this city, says a Kansas City Mo., dispatch, with delegates present from twenty-four states and territories.

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The Hon. John W. Springer, of Illinois, was elected Temporary Secretary. The Chairman then presented Gov. Francis, of Missouri, who welcomed the delegates on behalf of the State. He said that the congress marked a new era in agricultural, commercial and financial history. He declared that the history of the country since disunion and disaffection as now exists resulted in revolution. The people of the West were now crying for relief, but the manner of relief was sought, not by arms, but by this deliberative congress. Different causes were assigned for the depression of Western interests. Let the cause be what it may, the effect was the same. There was deep-rooted dissatisfaction, and there was unanimous desire that the evil of depression be abolished, and that Western interests be stimulated. Before Federal legislation had been in the interests of the East. Congress has been favorable to the creditor class, and the West was a heavy debtor. It was necessary now for the West to stand together, and there were many things that the West desired, the advocacy of which should be unanimous, earnest and continued. The West wanted freer trade with Mexico, Canada and South America and all the countries of the world. The West wanted the Mississippi connected with the great lake. It wanted improved railways, so that one could step on a vestibule train at Kansas City and step off it at Buenos Ayres. It wanted a fuller volume of currency. These were things that would relieve the distressing condition of affairs, and these were things on which the West must act together.

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SISTER SUSAN IS GREEDY

ANNA DICKINSON'S INSANITY A CANARD.

Her Sister Thought to Prey Upon the Public's Sympathy—So Says Anna Herself, and She Is Corroborated by an Eminent Physician.

Anna Dickinson in a public mad-house—that was but a jest, says a Kansas City Mo., dispatch, with delegates present from twenty-four states and territories. The convention was called to order by State Senator Kelly, of Kansas. He introduced Rev. Dr. Hayes, who offered a prayer. The convention then proceeded to elect a permanent organization. On motion of Governor Francis, of Missouri, Senator Kelly was chosen temporary chairman. In a long speech of acceptance he explained the object of the congress to be the consideration of various questions of mutual interest to the West and South. Mr. Kelly laid all the blame of agricultural depression upon a too small circulating medium. As a relief he suggested the recoinage of silver; the raising of silver money to the standard of gold.

Released from imprisonment by chance, Miss Dickinson, who is now in New York, has chosen to give her extraordinary narrative to the world for the first time. In moderate language, and with the bearing of a woman who had weighed every word and understood the significance of all she said, she told what she had gone through and why she believed she had been the victim of a conspiracy.

Feb. 27—so ran the substance of her story—she had been seized in her home at West Pittston, Pa., carried off by force, and in violation of law confined in the State Asylum at Danville. There she had staid five weeks and a day, without eating, only sleeping, her mental or physical condition, sick, weak, with terror and anxiety, needing medical attendance and lacking it, knowing all the time that a terrible wrong was being practiced upon her, but deprived of communication with her friends and the world.

From this situation she was taken on April 2 in a sad state of destitution and misery by a physician from another State, who had been called upon to remove her to his supposed private asylum. Instead of shutting her up in another institution, this physician, a practitioner of repute and standing, and who recognized her sane condition and set her free. To account for her incarceration stories had been set afloat of her violence and desperate madness. These Miss Dickinson circumstantially declared to be utterly false.

The object of subjecting her to these dreadful ordeals was, as she believed, to get money from the public by arousing sympathy for her pretended condition. The person whom she accused as the chief instrument in this unnatural design is her own sister. Legal proceedings were instituted to raise on these sweeping charges are to be begun at once.

Miss Dickinson went to New York with Dr. Frederick W. Seward of Goshen, N. Y., at whose house she has been since she escaped from Danville April 2. "It is unnecessary," said Miss Dickinson, "that I must begin my defense against the charge of insanity by making a charge of insanity against somebody else. Disagreeable as it is for me to reveal to the public in this way the misfortunes of our family, I am obliged to say that for many years my sister Susan has been monomaniac on the subject of money."

"Looking back over the last few years and putting together many things which seemed to me then to be strange, but which suspiciously, I think I see very plainly that she has been influenced by two motives, the one of avarice, the other of grasping desire for money, and a belief that if she had it she could handle it better than I could. She had, second, an intense hatred and jealousy for me."

"With the few people who live in Pittston I had scarcely the slightest acquaintance, and absolutely no friendship. My sister knew everybody, and everybody would have the advantage. A police that would reduce the number of our people engaged in mechanical pursuits or domestic labor, and purchase food products by reducing wages cannot be helpful to those now engaged in agriculture. The farmers who raise the principal farm products have been too low below the point of fair living and fair profits. I think, too, that I venture to remind them that the price they make involves the concession that things which are common to all are worth more than corn. The farmer who claims a good living and profits for his work should concede to the Central and South American States, as furnishing new and large markets for meats, breadstuffs, and an important line of manufactured products. Your deliberations will probably also embrace the consideration of the question of the volume and character of our currency. It will not be possible to discuss it more appropriate for me in this letter to enter upon any elaborate discussion of these questions. One who is thinking of raising the price of every person who thoughtfully considers the question will agree with me upon a proposition which is the basis of the consideration of the currency question: namely, that any dollar, paper or gold, that is issued by the United States, and that is used as its commercial use as good as any other dollar. So long as any paper money issued or authorized by the United States is used as its commercial use in commerce as the equivalent of the gold dollar, and so long as every coined dollar, whether of silver or gold, is secured of an equal value in commerce as the gold dollar, and so long as every dollar is used as its commercial use, the more such money the better. But on the other hand, when any issue of paper or coined dollars is made, which is not of equal value to the other papers or coined dollars, we have passed the limit of safe experiment in the issue of money. If we have dollars of different values to get out when once in, I have always believed, and do not more than ever believe in bimetalism and favor the gold dollar as the bimetalism and favor the silver in connection with our currency that is compatible with the maintenance of its commercial use. Nothing, in my judgment, would so much retard the restoration of the free use of silver by the commercial nations of the world as legislation adopted by us that would result in placing this country upon a basis of silver monometalism. The legislation adopted by the first session of the Fifty-third Congress, I was assured by leading advocates of free coinage, representatives of the silver States, would promptly and permanently bring silver to 120 per cent and keep it there. That anticipation has not been realized, and for reasons not yet explained, disappointed the demand for silver in China and India."

Dr. Seward, whose name is a familiar and irrefragable one in medical science, said: "Miss Anna Dickinson is perfectly sane. I have studied her case attentively, and know there is nothing in her case which requires her to be confined in any mad-house. I investigated some of her statements, and found them to be true."

Lotta at McVicker's. "Since its opening, March 30, after having been rebuilt from the fire in a style more resplendent than ever, McVicker's Theater, at Chicago, has been doing a phenomenal business, with Jefferson and Florence. For the week commencing Monday, April 20, the attraction will be the ever-charming Lotta. Already orders are received from outside towns for seats."

Jurors Compromise on Manslaughter. At Grand Rapids, Mich., the Egan murder case went to the jury, and in two hours a verdict of manslaughter was brought in. The prisoner and his attorneys appeared delighted with the verdict, and Egan shook hands with all the jury as they passed out. The jury stood three for first degree and one for acquittal and the verdict was a compromise.

SWEAT and dust cause the horse's shoulders to gall. So do poor, ill-fitting collars.

A TALE OF TWO SISTERS.

ANNA DICKINSON'S STORY IS FLATLY CONTRADICTED.

Her Sister Susan Tells Her Side of the Story—Anna Seared the Servants and Founded the Wallis—Miss Frances Willard's Opinion.

A dispatch from Scranton, Pa., says: Miss Susan E. Dickinson was in the city in consultation with friends relative to the statements made by her sister to a reporter in New York. Miss Dickinson said that she had telegraphed Dr. Seward that he would be held in damages for the injury he is doing her sister's mind, confirming her delusion, and also that friends in West Pittston and vicinity will testify that she has devoted her life for years to the welfare and interests of Anna. In denying the story published in New York, Miss Susan Dickinson first refers to the charge that a removal was made to West Pittston clearly to please herself. The true reason of the removal, she says, was because Miss Anna had lost the means to support her mother as she desired to in Ohio and Philadelphia. She explains facts relative to their family arrangements and then answers the charge of extravagance, saying that she was her sister's private secretary and bookkeeper, and was allowed \$250 a month to meet expenses, which included the rental of a \$1,000 a year house. The house was generally full of Anna's company, and they had to be provided for. It was, it is possible, therefore, to avoid the standing-up of accounts until her return home to settle at times. "I never made an investment of any kind in my life," continued Miss Susan. "I never bought trinkets for myself, and was not in the habit of making gifts to other people. In answer to my sister's allegation that I have an intense hatred and jealousy for her, I have to say that I have never taken any pleasure in that sort of striving to further her interests to the utmost of my ability. Physicians will testify that in the summer of 1877 it was my nursing which saved her life. Dr. Hilleman, whom she abuses, was her own selection, and she praised him to the skies. Her first illness, Thursday, Feb. 19, Anna became violently delirious, and her actions were very curious. Among other things she began screaming and pounding on the partition walls. The servant was afraid of her, ran out of the house, and was followed by Anna. She then came back and ate her supper. Her story of gloaming white crystals in a cup of coffee is a pure fabrication, which only insanity can account for. Several days before she had been accusing Howe & Hummel, her attorneys, of the vilest treachery in her case against the Republican National Committee. For some time, she had been in a plot to ruin her reputation. Miss Susan speaks of Miss Anna's violence toward her and then says that on Feb. 25 it became necessary to deliver her sister to Danville, because she had eaten nothing for three days. She was not roughly handled, and her clothing was not injured, as stated in all the papers, at the time her door was forced open. Her papers have been carefully assorted, and they now await her disposition. Her stage jewels in one package and her private jewels in another are being sent to the Pittston jail to be sent to her order. The attempt to secure money for her was inaugurated by Mrs. Longford and Miss Willard without any action or word on Miss Susan's part.

The Pittston Gazette says: "Of course there is not to be found in all this region a single person who believes in the story, the ridiculous story, sent out. Miss Susan has been greatly devoted to her sister Anna, and for years she has placed her welfare above all else, even to the extent of relinquishment of the greater portion of her literary work in order that she might be able to better nurse her sister during her late illness."

"I really do not know what to make of the report published in regard to the unjust incarceration of Anna Dickinson," said Frances E. Willard. "I have no authoritative information upon which to base a hypothesis," continued Miss Willard, "and I was never in the life of the sister who she asserted the statement. What I do know is that I have been acquainted with Susan E. Dickinson, Anna's sister, for the last fifteen years, and that to my knowledge she has been a most generous, faithful and also beloved sister. There were the most cordial and loving relations between the two sisters, and I have, time without number, heard Anna speak in the most affectionate way of Susan. Indeed, I have always regarded Susan as the mainstay of the family. Anna was always erratic, but Susan went on in the even tenor of her way, and was always to be depended upon."

"I could not believe Susan Dickinson capable of the base conduct attributed to her under any circumstances, but really I do not see what she could hope to gain by such a course. The plan for the fund which we hope to raise is that it shall be placed in the hands of trustees, and that the interest shall be paid to Anna Dickinson, and that it shall be kept as a permanent fund for the purpose of aiding any woman who has given her life to the public and is no longer able to care for herself. That A. J. Drexel is the treasurer of the committee that is to take charge of the funds is, it seems to me, sufficient guarantee that all will be conducted as it should be."

"Here is a letter from Susan E. Dickinson which I received recently," said Miss Willard. "She tells me of Anna's removal and says: 'I could not go with her because, as you so usual in such cases, she turned aside by and violently against me, and until I have the assurance that it is better instead of worse for her to see me I shall wait.'"

"Miss Susan closed with: 'How earnestly I thank you for all you are doing and for all your tributes to Anna in words you write I have no adequate words to say. But I pray God to bless you, and I look forward to the day when you and Anna shall take loving counsel together.'"

Crops in Great Shape. April returns to the Department of Agriculture show that the condition of the growing wheat crop throughout the entire country is the best since 1852.

Cool Fair Deal. Frank Barnard, coal dealer at San Francisco, failed with liabilities of \$83,000, and assets sufficient to pay 15 cents on the dollar.

A Smashup. Seven persons were injured in a collision on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, near McJunkin, Iowa.

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