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New Year's day for 1914, according to the Hebrew calendar.

The Governor of Louisiana has been requested by the Board of Health at New Orleans to remove quarantine restrictions after the 15th prox.

The new President, C. A. Arthur, is a widower, having lost his wife two years ago.

One of the many injurious effects of the recent drought is the reduction of the potato crop...

Remarkable Exploits of an American—A Terrible Winter in the North—Island Becoming Depopulated.

Mr. Lee Howard has just returned from Iceland, whither he went in the early summer...

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The Promises of His Administration.

It is said that Tom Murphy, afterward Collector of the Port...

For the next few years, however, constant investigations of the Customs-house and the huge business it did for the country...

In the meantime Arthur, who had developed into a pretty bright politician, and had got complete control of the Conkling machine in New York...

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EXTRAORDINARY SWINDLE.

A "Professional Litigator," and "Unscrupulous Lawyers, Robbing People."

A correspondent of the New York Sun, writing from Frederick, Md., says:

Yesterday about 2000 of the suits instituted by Dr. Harrison Wagner, the professional litigator, against citizens of the county, were settled, the defendants being compelled to pay various sums, ranging from \$50 to \$750 in each case.

The operations of Wagner are without parallel in the United States. About two years ago he was generally considered to be a harmless insurance agent.

His actions were calculated to confirm this theory, and his eccentricities were regarded with indifference by every one who knew him.

But the fall of 1879 Wagner caused much amusement by going before an obscure county magistrate and entering several hundred suits for damages against leading citizens, chosen at random in all parts of the county, who had never seen him.

Each of these suits was for an amount of damages fixed by Wagner at between \$50 and \$100, the limit for which suits can be brought before magistrates in this State.

No attention was paid to the supposed liability of the suits, and the cases were soon carried to the trial.

Many of the suits were carried to the trial by notices of hundreds of others being brought by Wagner, who frequently entered as high as 100 claims against one person.

Early in 1880 Wagner disappeared from public notice, but in the fall of that year he reappeared, and threw into a furor of excitement what was learned that Wagner had commenced proceedings to enforce judgments in 1800 of the suits. It was then learned for the first time that the persons sued, having failed to appear before the magistrates, had been served with writs of attachment in each case for the amount named in the complaint.

Wagner made no effort to collect the judgments until a year had expired, when by law the power of appeal had elapsed. In November last, therefore, he was positioned in 1800 judgments, amounting to \$75 each against about three hundred county residents and corporations.

Each judgment was endorsed, "By default" and "No appeal taken," and, of course, they amounted to a lien on any property owned by the defendants.

Wagner's absence several persons whom he had obtained judgments against, and his first move was to file the judgments in the Orphan's Court as claims against the estate of Martin Shank, one of his victims, had died and left an estate valued at \$5000 to his wife and three minor children.

Wagner filed judgments against the estate amounting to \$1200, and the Orphan's Court was compelled to postpone the hearing of the claims several times in order to avoid the necessity of admitting their validity.

At length several citizens employed counsel for Mrs. Shank, and she was advised to apply for an arrest of judgment on the ground of fraud. The same policy was pursued by all the other victims, and since that time the cases have been dragging along in the courts, the indications pointing to Wagner being successful in enforcing all of them.

The courts ruled that the judgments Wagner found to contest and that he ever found to contest the suits was in law a virtual acquiescence of the justice of the claims, while the further failure to take an appeal from the magistrate within the period prescribed by law placed them beyond remedy.

After he had begun to enforce the judgments Wagner found the country too hot to hold him, and went to New York city, where he now is. The proceedings against his victims have been carried on by counsel here, and the settlement made in nearly all the cases yesterday. It is thought, will not cost more than \$10,000. He does not pretend to deny that any legal claim for damages in any of the cases, but he has succeeded in obtaining considerable portions of the estates of several deceased residents of the county, besides milking hundreds of farmers of hard earned money.

Where Gallions Can Be Tried. It will relieve a justifiable feeling everywhere felt, and by all classes of citizens, to know that the assassin Guiteau, instead of escaping punishment by the fact that he fired his murderous pistol in one jurisdiction and the victim died in another, it gives an additional guarantee that he can and will be legally tried and punished.

It is within the discretion of the authorities to bring him to trial before the United States Courts of the District of Columbia or the State courts of New Jersey.

The statutes of the United States provide (Ch. 3, Sec. 533) that "Every person who commits murder." "First, Within any fort, arsenal, dockyard, magazine, or in any other place or district of country under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, he shall suffer death."

The eighth section of the first article of the Constitution of the United States provides that "The effect of that Congress shall exercise the exclusive legislation in all cases over any district not over ten miles square which shall become the seat of government of the United States. It has been doubted at times that the acts of Congress in this respect are applicable to the District of Columbia, by an act approved February 21, 1871, providing that "all laws of the United States which are not locally applicable shall have the same force and effect within the District of Columbia as elsewhere within the United States."

This makes it tolerably clear that Guiteau is amenable to the laws of the United States for the crime of murder, and can be tried in the District of Columbia.

But even if there was any doubt on that point, because of the fact that the body of the victim was not complete in the District, by the fact that the President died in another jurisdiction, a statute of New Jersey passed in the last century, and now known as Section 78 of the Criminal Practice Act of the State, provides for the recovery of a body in any case, and the body of the President, presented by Guiteau's crime, and the resulting death of the President at Long Branch. This section is as follows:

"Where any person shall be feloniously stricken or poisoned, upon the sea, or in any place out of the jurisdiction of this State, and shall die of the same stroke or poisoning within the jurisdiction of this State, or where any person shall be feloniously poisoned within the jurisdiction of this State, and shall die of such stroke or poisoning upon the sea, or at any place out of the jurisdiction of this State, the jurisdiction of this State shall extend to the crime of the murderer."

The first clause covers Guiteau's offense. The felonious stroke which caused the President's death was delivered beyond the jurisdiction of the State, but the President died in this State, and the jurisdiction of this State extends to the crime of the murderer.

The second clause covers the case of a felonious blow given within the jurisdiction of the State, death from which ensues without the State. This was Hunter's case, decided in the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Jersey, in No-

THE DRAMA.

Alien Oates and Charles Drew have gone to Australia.

Fanny Davenport's time is all filled for the season of 1881-82.

On October 10th "Hazel Kirke" will have been presented one thousand times.

Ernesto Rossi, the Italian actor, is expected to arrive in New York on the 25th inst.

Mlle Rhea will make her first appearance in this country at one of the Brooklyn theaters.

Toney Denier's Humpty Dumpty party at Nashville to-night.

Signor Rossi and a son of Salvini are under way for this country. It does not come as far as this.

It is stated that Mrs. Sothera's share in the deceased actor's American property amounts to \$30,000.

A cable dispatch says that Campanini will return to New York with Colonel Mapleson's Italian Opera Company.

Mlle. Litta, the songstress, is shortly to marry a tenor named H. Cleveland. The lady is not handsome, but all say she is good.

Dion Boucoucal is doing the "Colleen Bawn" at the Standard Theater, London. Bjon Heron is playing under her own name, Miss Stoevel.

The New York Dramatic News says that Joe Jefferson's impersonation of Bob Acres bestows upon him the rank of first comedian of the time.

"Love and Liberty" is a new play by Louis Wingfield of London, which John McCullough will bring out at the Fifth Avenue Theater in November next.

Miss Annie Louise Cary will, after this winter, retire permanently from the concert and operatic stage, and it is rumored that she is the affianced of a wealthy gentleman in New York.

The last of Goethe's pupils, Heinrich Franke, died at Weimar a few days ago, aged eighty-one. He was one of the last survivors of the company of actors personally trained by Goethe.

"Cecilia's Love," Emma Abbott's libretto adapted to the music of "La Traviata," was produced by the Emma Abbott Opera Company at a very large audience at Denver, Col., and met with great favor.

Rose Elyngton is said to be engaged at \$500 a week for "Felicis." Brooks & Dickson pay Jeffrey Lewis \$225 a week for "Two Nights in Rome," and Bartley Campbell is understood to pay Maud Granger \$150 a week.

Joe Jefferson's sons are all assisting their father, and the company looks very much like a nice family party. Charles and his elder brother look "baby," helps on the stage.

"Wanted a Carpenter," by Gus Williams and company, is to be at Little Rock next Monday night, and Tuesday night "Our German Senator" is the programme. Mr. Rickaby and John Robb are still with Williams.

Christine Nilsson is to receive \$1000 for each of one hundred concerts in this country next season. Manager Henry E. Abbey will also pay all her traveling and hotel expenses, besides giving one-half of the receipts after paying Mrs. Martin's expenses.

Neville Martin, an English girl, has received the grand medal for singing and the certificate of honor of the conservatory of Milan. It is the first time these honors were conferred upon a foreigner by the conservatory.

Mario, once the great-est of tenors, has grown perfectly gray, but is still fresh and youthful in nature. In his Italian home he occupies a great deal of his leisure in carpentering and carving, being in both ways exceedingly clever.

Madame Marguerite Ohlinger has written both the music and the libretto of an opera. It is to be called "Sais," and the scene of action Egypt, the hero being a kind of Oriental Faust. The title role will be assumed by Capoul in Paris.

The Londoners appreciate the simple melodies of Haverly's mazetrels very highly, but are unduly prejudiced by the broad fun of the "second part." The colored swells in evening dress who play the banjo are a great sensation, so is Webby Stokes and his picaninies from this city.

"Der Lustige Krieg" (The Merry War) is the name of the new comic opera by Strauss. It will be produced in the Theater-am-Platz, in Vienna, in the middle of November. The master has completed his composition, and is now at work with the instrumentation of the score.

During her European journey, beginning next month, Mlle. Sarah Bernhardt will give six part performances at the Lyceum Theater, in London, and 7000 francs for night, and at the King

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Theater, Vienna, for 10,000 francs a night, and the same number at the Costanzi Theater, Rome. Her company will include twenty-nine persons.

The versatile actress, Mabel Norton, aided by the popular young American actor, Louis H. Warwick, opened the new opera-house at Helena last Monday, with "Romeo and Juliet," a magnificent cornet band accompanying, the whole with new costumes, new properties, and the grandest of scenic effect, according to the local papers.

The New York Herald would term this a party of "barn stormers."

The original of "Uncle Tom" went to sea it played on the stage recently by an Ideal Company in New Haven, Conn., and went profusely. "Does it bring back the memory of old times?" was asked him by the manager. "Do borrow long forgotten come back to you and make your heart ache?"

"No," he said, "it ain't dat 't'se weeping you're but, gemmen, if you be held yo'elves po'trayed as dat mis'able idiot po'trayed me; wouldn't you weep?"

The Emma Abbott Opera Troupe while on route lately from Kansas City to Denver were startled by the report that train robbers were aboard. Jewels and valuables were immediately hidden in every conceivable hole and corner of the cars. Castle, the tenor, waved a pocket pistol and threatened to annihilate them by singing "Let Me Like a Soldier Fall," while two fiddlers were stationed at each door of the car with cocked revolvers ready to greet the frodooters.

E. F. Thorne left the Chestnut street theater, Philadelphia, because he found out that Sidney Rosenfeld's play "Florine," was written to bring out Miss Julia A. Hunt, a lady whom he did not know, and who was not a member of the stock. Miss Hunt appeared in the new piece without Thorne, acquitted herself creditably, won good favor with a large audience and is in a fair way to achieve fame and fortune, while the jealous Thorne plods along as a stock actor. Miss Hunt was in this city at the Greenleaf last Mardi Gras.

Rescued from Death. William J. Coughlin, of Somerville, Mass., says: "In the fall of 1876 I was taken with a violent bleeding of the lungs, followed by a severe cough. I was so weak at one time that I could not leave my bed. In the summer of 1877 I was admitted to the city hospital. While there the doctors said I had a hole in my left lung as big as a half dollar. I was so far gone at one time a report went around that I was dead. I gave up hope, but a friend told me of Dr. Wm. Hall's Balsam for the Lungs. I got a bottle, when to my surprise and gratification I commenced to feel better, and to-day I feel in better spirits than I have in the past three years."

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