

A BATTLE-AX MAYOR.

THE LATE MR. GLEASON, OF LONG ISLAND CITY.

The Most Unique Figure in American Municipal Politics—His Stormy Career—A Fighter in Every Sense—Street Railroad Magnate.

One of the most unique figures in American municipal politics, Patrick Jerome Gleason, died of heart failure the other day at his home in Long Island City, as mayor and absolute monarch of which he achieved a celebrity which made his name as familiar to newspaper readers for a time as that of the president. Gleason was a fighter, figuratively and literally. He thrived on contention and his love of strife continued from the day he whipped all the boys of his native parish in Ireland until he made a physical attack on the property of a railroad corporation in Long Island, ripping up its tracks with his own hands, smashing its fences with a broad ax and gaining for himself the sobriquet of the "battle-ax mayor."

A Natural Fighter. Born in Tipperary, Ireland, April 15, 1844, he came to this country at the age of 15 and worked in a brewery. It is said that on the day of his arrival in this country he got into a fight with two volunteer firemen and whipped both. When the civil war broke out he was one of eight brothers who went to the front. He was 6 feet 2 inches in height and the smallest of the lot, his twin brother Philip being 6 feet 7 inches tall. During the war he was somewhat slender, but in later years took on flesh and weighed 250 pounds. His war record was a good one, his giant frame always appearing where the fighting was the thickest. At the close of the war he engaged in the distilling business and made a fortune in a few years. While in this business he was charged with defrauding the government out of \$415,000, but was



EX-MAYOR GLEASON.

acquitted. In 1872 he entered politics, running for assembly, and was defeated. He had spent all his money and took the defeat so much to heart that he started for California. On the way he was shipwrecked off the coast of Mexico. Reaching San Francisco he sold a distiller's secret to a brewer for \$5,000 and upon this foundation built a fortune of \$20,000, serving beef under contracts to institutions.

Returning to Long Island, he secured a contract to build a street railroad. He worked with a pick and ax with a gang of men building the road, and when it was completed he drove the first car over it, and continued to do this until he could afford to put more cars on the road. He acted not only as driver, but as conductor, starter, cashier, treasurer, president and repairer of the line. He had a car and three horses. Afterward he became president of the company. He continued to extend his railroad enterprises until he owned several lines in Long Island City.

His Politest Career. Early in the '80s, when he was elected alderman, began Gleason's career as the most dominant force in Long Island City politics. He caused an investigation of city affairs, in consequence of which the mayor was arrested and the city treasurer committed suicide, while Gleason was hailed as a public benefactor. In 1887 he was elected mayor.

The city's affairs were in a wretched condition. Its treasury was empty, its school teachers, the police and other city officials were in some cases two years in arrears for salary. There was no fire department, no street or gas fund, and the civic credit was gone. In a short time Mayor Gleason changed all this: he straightened out the tangles in every department of the city's government, and from the verge of bankruptcy the city was restored to a solid financial basis. He established a paid fire department, built school-houses and an excellent water supply system, wiped out the floating debt and reduced the tax rate, which was at one time as high as six per cent.

Fighting Street Railroads. Next to Gleason's fight against Mayor De Bevoise the struggle of his life was with the Long Island Railroad company, which had closed up various city streets with gates and sheds. It was the big mayor's custom to salify out ax in hand and chop down these obstructions himself. On one occasion he armed the entire police force with axes, and made a clean sweep of all the railroad property which he thought was on city lands. For five years, too, he fought the Standard Oil company, and though he made a determined

stand he was finally forced to admit that the undertaking was too much, even for the champion of fighting mayors. But he kept right on fighting telephone, telegraph and lumber companies; he fought Union College, which is Protestant, and Calvary cemetery, which is Catholic, and he fought the ferry companies, reducing the fare from four to three cents. After being mayor for two consecutive terms of three years each Gleason was defeated in 1892 by Sanford. He wouldn't admit the defeat, though—that wasn't his way—but remained in possession of city hall until January 20, 1893, when the police, acting under an order from the court, ejected him. He was elected again in 1896 and served until consolidation wiped Long Island City, as a separate municipality, off the map.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER DISASTERS.

Appalling Loss of Life in Wrecks During the Past 60 Years. The recent loss on the Mississippi at Brunkhorst, Ill., of the steamship City of Paducah calls attention to other dreadful tragedies on the mighty father of waters. Since the beginning of 1837 there have been 43 disasters in which great loss of life resulted. On Oct. 29 of that year the Monmouth exploded its boiler and became a total wreck. It had on board 480 emigrant Creek Indians, 234 of whom were drowned. Shortly after the General Brown ran upon a snag and sank, losing 60 lives. The De Soto, Nov. 15, 1844, collided with the Buckeye and lost 60 lives. In 1849 the Louisiana, while racing, exploded its boiler and lost by burning or drowning 100 lives. June 13, 1853, the Pennsylvania raced and exploded, losing 100 lives. Later in the same year the Ben Lewis exploded while racing and lost 35 lives. June 24, 1860, the Miami just after it had left Cairo exploded its boiler, killing in the fire or water 150 passengers. Near the same place, a little below Cairo, Oct. 27, 1869, the Stonewall burned in broad day, causing the loss of 200 passengers. The whole number of the lives that were lost in the 43 terrible steamboat disasters is 1,760. This number does not represent, probably, one-quarter of the actual total of the losses of human life in the hundreds of minor accidents on the "father of waters" in the last 60 years.

SCARED BY RUSSIA.

Norway and Sweden Alarmed Over Possible Muscovite Designs. Norway and Sweden are suffering from a Russian scare. The people fear that the Russification of Finland is only a preparatory step to making the Scandinavian peninsula feel the claws of the northern bear. The first step to this would be the massing of Russian troops in Finland. This may take place sooner than most people expect. The ground has been prepared carefully and from the crushing of a subject nation Russian activity in Finland may grow into a direct menace to two independent kingdoms, changing from a domestic tragedy to an affair of grave international concern. The population of Sweden and Norway is only about 7,000,000, as compared to Russia's 130,000,000. The standing army of Sweden and Norway amounts to less than 60,000 men, as compared with Russia's standing army of 894,000. To seize upon the Scandinavian peninsula, thus commanding the entrance into the Baltic and making that body of water practically a closed sea, and to have Norway and Sweden to draw upon for seamen for her navy and merchant marine, would add immensely to the preponderance of Russia in Europe and increase her power more than any other single conquest the armies of the Czar ever made.

Prussia to Reclaim Her Coal.

As a measure of self-preservation Prussia, it is reported, will nationalize some of her coal lands. The radical legislation to that end will not be, however, on Henry George's line of confiscation. A fair price will be paid to the present owners. The state will thus acquire sufficient fuel to operate the most important railways and it will work the mines on a system of the utmost justice to the miners. The step, if taken, will be the first official confession that Prussia feels the approaching diminution of the British coal deposits, a fear emphasized by the suggestion in high quarters that an export duty be put on German coal to keep it at home.

President Loubet a Literary Man.

President Loubet of France is a literary man. He has read enormously, and because of his habit of early rising, quite common among country people, even at the Elysee palace, he finds time to read; and not only read newspapers, but the reviews and books. He reads quickly, seizes well the gist of a writing, criticizes fairly, and in consequence gets much profit from his reading. Besides that, he is assisted by a fine memory, which not only recalls to him what he has read, but also every scene through which he has passed. In that way he has accumulated a vast experience relating to men and things.

Spanish Stoves.

In many parts of Spain the "stove" in general use is made from an empty petroleum oil can, by cutting a hole near the bottom on one of the sides to make a draft, the can being lined with gypsum to the pleasure of the constructor, giving the fire space accordingly. The stove thus made, primitive as it is in its appearance, is effective in purpose and costs the equivalent of but a few cents of our money.

The grape has more sugar in it than any other fruit, nearly 15 parts in 100 being sugar. The peach has least, only 1 1/2 per cent.

WONDERFUL GEYSERS OF YELLOWSTONE PARK.

No Other Region in the World Abounds in Such a Variety of Attractions. The most wonderful scenery in the world is in Yellowstone National Park, the great natural curiosity shop of the universe. Nowhere else, within equal bounds, are found so many natural wonders grouped, almost as if by design, for the special convenience of sight-seers. The wonders of the Alps and the Himalayas, could they be gathered together and compressed into an equal space, could not hope to rival in grandeur, in variety nor in number, the attractions of the Yellowstone. Were all the attractions except the geysers removed, the region would still be famed world wide, drawing nature lovers from all countries to witness the exhibitions of unequalled power of these matchless giants, which, with a roar that may be heard long distances, spout huge columns of seething water high into the air, sustaining them there for varying lengths of time. Old Faithful, with a regularity that betog its name, at intervals of 65 to 75 minutes, sends up a huge column of water 150 feet into the air, remaining active for four minutes. Giant, with a deafening roar, spouts 250 feet every third day for 90 minutes, while Giantess, at longer intervals and with slightly less power, maintains activity for twelve hours at a stretch. Many others, at intervals ranging from five minutes to several days, spout water to varying heights, remaining active for periods ranging from one second to an hour or more. In all, there are thirty-three members of this interesting Geyser family of sufficient importance to deserve special mention. Twenty-eight of these are in Upper basin, and when several of them, with their rainbow tints, spouting at once, the scene is indescribable. Other scenes of grandeur that abound in favored mountainous regions pass in endless review before the enchanted tourist, all sense of fleeting time being lost in their admiration.

Travel to the park, following improved transportation facilities, has greatly increased in recent years. Leaving the Oregon Short Line at Monida, Montana, after a pleasant ride through changing scenes from Salt Lake City, comfortable stage coaches run to and through the park, making the trip at easy stages in five days, four of which are spent among nature's wonders, and the other among delightful scenery. Good hotels are conveniently located in the park for sight-seers, where one may stay indefinitely, at very reasonable cost.

A Comprehensive Trip.

If you are going to California this Summer and the Round-Trip Rates in effect for the Fifth International Convention of the Epworth League, should decide you to do so, why not go and return the most interesting ways? The Southern Pacific Company offer Three Routes—via St. Paul and Minneapolis along the northern border and Portland, Oregon; via the famous Shasta Route, via Denver, Salt Lake and Ogden, the great Ogden or Overland Route or via New Orleans, through Houston, San Antonio and El Paso, along the Mexican border, the Sunset Route. The tickets, which will be on sale July 6th to 13th inclusive, good for return until August 31st, can be purchased to read going via any of these routes and returning via either of the others. For particulars address W. G. Netmeyer, General Western Agent, S. P. Co., 233 Clark street, Chicago, Ill.

A Millionaire Politician.

Not many politicians are millionaires, even in New York, where the perquisites of men in blue are said to be the richest. Officer Clarence Routh of New Orleans is worth more than the amount named. He owns 100 acres of land in the Texas oil region and has refused an offer of \$1,500,000 for it, believing it to be worth \$2,000,000. He calmly patrols his beat, waiting for a satisfactory offer.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing, and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee, but costs about 1/4 as much. All grocers sell it 10c and 25c.

Wants Copyright Limitations Extended.

Fran Cosima Wagner has protested against the proposed Prussian copyright law limiting an author's rights in musical composition to thirty years after his death. She wants the copyright of her husband's compositions to be extended to fifty years.

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The Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway has got out a neat booklet descriptive of the beautiful summer resorts at Spirit and Okoboji Lakes in Northwestern Iowa. Free copies will be mailed upon application to Jno. G. Farmer, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

The custom of attending religious services in evening dress is said to be gaining in popularity among London's smart society.

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