

## TILDEN DEAD.

The Only Man Who Ever Declined the Presidency of the Republic Cashes In.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Samuel J. Tilden died peacefully at Greystone this morning, at 8:45 o'clock. There were present with him Drs. Charles E. Simonds and Samuel Swift, and his niece, Miss Gould. The last hours were peaceful and painless. For several months past Mr. Tilden has enjoyed unusual health for him. He used his yacht Viking frequently, and took long carriage rides daily. His face was familiar to the people of Yonkers, and he frequently drove the streets. The last time he went out was on Sunday, when he was driven by his valet, Louis Johannazan, and Dennis O'Hara, his faithful coachman, both of whom have been in his service for years. Saturday he was taken with a slight chill while sitting on the porch overlooking the Hudson and was removed to his room where he was attended by his friends and physician. The cold settled in Mr. Tilden's bowels and stomach, causing vomiting and purging. With medical aid he felt much better on Sunday, and went out in his carriage. Monday and yesterday he also felt much better. Last night he was taken again with the same symptoms while in his parlor and was supported to his room. On reaching his room the ex-governor experienced considerable trouble in breathing. This alarmed his friends, and Dr. Simonds was called. The patient was suffering from nausea and diarrhea and was in great distress. The difficulty in breathing ceased after a while, and he was placed in bed, and later he was assisted to an easy chair, and Dr. Simonds remained with him all night. Early this morning Mr. Tilden began to grow worse, and was placed in bed. The generation of gases in his stomach and bowels distended them and caused failure in the action of the heart. The second attack of difficulty in breathing recurred and Dr. Swift, of Yonkers, was called in consultation at seven in the morning. He arrived at Greystone at eight o'clock this morning, but Mr. Tilden was then beyond the reach of medical skill. No words were uttered by Mr. Tilden after Dr. Swift's arrival. He was conscious to the last. The labored breathing was fainter and more feeble. The ashen pallor of death crept over his countenance, his eyes slowly closed, and his muscles relaxed, and at ten minutes to nine this morning he breathed his last.

### No Northern Pacific Forfeiture.

Washington, Aug. 4.—The conferees on the Northern Pacific forfeiture bill held another session, and agreed to disagree until next December. This action holds the bill over until the Cascade branch can be built, and practically gives the road all the desired time in which to earn that much of its grant. There will remain after this season's work on the new road only the line from Wallula to Portland to come under the terms of the pending bill. Friends of the road express full satisfaction with the present status of hostile legislation. They concede that the lands along the line from Wallula to Portland may properly be restored to the public domain. The conferees on the pro-emption repeal agreed to disagree, and that bill will go over.

### The Preacher Playing Baseball.

There are some consternation among truly good people at the East over the fact that a minister in one of the smaller towns near Boston has resigned his pastorate, and accepted the position of pitcher in a baseball club. It does seem a little tough, but the congregation will have to stand it, as the minister says his calling and election is sure, as a baseball player. He tried preaching faithfully on four hundred dollars a year, and tried to support a family, but when he had a call to play baseball at three thousand dollars a year, he felt that it was his duty to accept. To those of his former congregation who find fault with him, and say he has fallen from grace, and is in the employ of the devil, he has a reply that silences them. He says that in the first place the college at which he was educated, paid more attention to the education of his muscles than his brain. The athletic exercises were compulsory, and before he realized it he was a champion oarsman, a foot-ballist, and a baseball player of note. He tried to learn all that was possible of that which was good, between his athletic studies, in order to prepare himself for the ministry, and he believes he graduated as well posted as ministers average, and when he was assigned to a pulpit, he tried to do his duty, but it was up-hill work, and when he saw his classmates playing baseball at good salaries, and he was compelled to preach, and pray, and marry, and bury, and take his pay in donations of farm produce, and be looked upon as an object of charity, he felt that playing base ball couldn't be very bad, and he accepted a position, and instead of owing for groceries, and seeing his family poverty stricken, he has money in the bank, his family lives well, and he thinks he can lay up money enough during the base ball season so he can preach for nothing all winter, and he would rather do that than preach for pay, and not get it without begging. Some of his congregation tell him that it will injure him to associate with base ball players, where betting is indulged in. He replies that since he has been in the base-ball club there has been less back-biting than there was in the church, and he has had less mean things said about him by the base-ball players than he did by his brethren before he left the

church. He says he has yet to hear an person say his wife is extravagant because she made over an old bonnet it to a new one, by putting on a piece of cherry ribbon, and some of the sisters in the former congregation did abuse his wife for the same thing before he left. He said, before he left off preaching, he carried subscription paper around for a week, to raise money to send a poor woman to her friends in Illinois, and finally had to make up the most of the money himself, out of his alleged salary. While a few days ago, on the cars, his base ball club encountered a woman who was out of funds, and wanted to get to Missouri with her baby, and before the woman had time to tell her story the base-ball boys raised sixty-five dollars for her, and wanted her to take more, and tended her baby for over two hundred miles, and made her happy. He says as far betting on the game is concerned, he is opposed to it, but he can't help it. If people want to bet they will bet on anything, and if they are to bet they had better wager on a square game of base-ball, or a square horse race, than to take chances on a church grab bag, or lottery, where they are bound to lose their money any way. The minister is evidently loaded for a bear, and can demonstrate to anybody who questions his judgement in leaving the ministry for the base-ball field, that he looks upon the world as a place to live and enjoy himself. An old lady told him she should think it would be dangerous to play base-ball, and that a pitcher would be liable to get killed by a ball. He said he had been hit in the eye once, and carried a black eye for two weeks, but he worked every day and earned his salary, but that when he was preaching he conducted the funeral services of a gambler, who was a nephew of one of his deacons, and at the grave he caught a cold that gave him pneumonia, and laid him up for two months, and he came near dying, and the uncle of the gambler actually wanted to dock his salary for the two months he was laid up. He says as a matter of health, even, he prefers the base-ball. This minister ought to be suppressed, and yet the base-ball members say he is as pious, prays regularly, asks blessings at the table when the club is at the hotel, and his example is a true Christian, who pitches a double curve ball, has done much to make the club respected everywhere. It is a queer case any way. —Peck's Sun.

### Land Decisions.

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**Railroad Withdrawal. Settlement—**Lands within the indemnity limits of railroads, and which have been legally withdrawn from settlement, are nevertheless open to settlement and entry by settlers who settle on them prior to the date when they are legally selected by the railroad in satisfaction of its grant. Com'r. to R. and R., Bismarck, Dakota. (Note—This decision conflicts with numerous decisions of the Supreme court of the U. S.)

**Homestead Entry—**Under the ruling of this office it is held that a woman who makes a homestead entry, and subsequently marries prior to completing title, loses her right to do so, either by continued residence and cultivation for the prescribed period, or by commutation under section 2301 U. S. Rev. Stat. Com'r. to Lizzie C. Salmon, July 14, 1886.

### Phantom Steamer.

Devils Lake is infested by a phantom ship. A party of campers were astonished the other day by the appearance of a steamer, supposed to be the Minnie II., just off Agate bay. They remarked upon the fact that the boat produced no swell. Suddenly the vessel changed its course, and disappeared toward Ft. Totten. An hour later the real Minnie II. appeared. The officers and crew united in asserting that their boat had not appeared, as seen by the campers. What makes it stranger is that the campers saw the lights, heard the noise of the paddles, and the puffing of the steam. The story recalls similar experiences at various times during the past two years. Reputable parties, whose honesty and integrity are undoubted, have been seen and told of the phantom steamer. —Inter-Ocean.

### Protection of Game Birds.

A meeting was held last evening at the Kindred hotel for the purpose of forming a gun club. After considerable debate on necessity of protecting prairie chickens and other game, the meeting was called to order, and on motion J. C. Evans was elected chairman, and W. F. Cushing, secretary. A committee consisting of Messrs. Scott, Davison and Kellogg was appointed to draft a suitable constitution and by-laws, and an adjournment taken until Wednesday evening, when the committee will report, and permanent officers elected. The meeting will be held at the office of J. W. Scott at 8 o'clock p. m., when all who are interested in the

protection of our game birds are invited to attend. —Times.

**PETERSON'S MAGAZINE** for July is brimful of things. That is a double-sized colored steel fashion-plate; an exquisite colored pattern, a-la-Japanese, for a portfolio-cover; and some fifty wood-engravings of fashions, embroidery, etc. The high character of "Peterson" for giving the best original stories is more than maintained in this number. It is perfect, as a lady's-book. Now is a good time to subscribe, a new volume beginning with this number. The terms are but Two Dollars a year. Specimens are sent gratis, with full particulars, to those wishing to get up clubs. Address Charles J. Peterson, Philadelphia, Pa. —Adm.

### THE PERFECTIONISTS.

Portrait of Mrs. J. B. Martin, Who Is Said to Be a Divinity.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 3.—A curious religious frenzy has pervaded certain circles in Ohio for the past fourteen years, or ever since the crusade which was inaugurated about that time, when bands of women went about praying in the saloons. This enthusiasm has gone on intensifying until now the matter has assumed such strange importance as to be regarded as a serious phenomenon. About thirty persons, men and women, have abandoned the churches and formed an esoteric band, whose inner mysteries have not been divulged to the world. All these people are far above the average in intelligence and social position. One of them is the widow of an ex-member of congress and a territorial judge of Kansas appointed by Buchanan. Another is the wife of an ex-judge of a court in Cincinnati. Several are girls barely out of their teens. Men of means, engaged in business, and some more boys have joined the band. Some have sacrificed their occupations to join it, and are depending upon the Lord to provide for them. Meetings are held in a beautiful house on Walnut Hills, owned by a man and his wife, who are members.

Several years ago a series of holiness meetings was started at the Loveland camp grounds. They were for converted Christians, and their purpose was to attain a state of sinless Christian life. Dr. Leonard, the noted prohibitionist, and the "they preacher," delivered sermons on the subject of holiness. The outcome of it all has been that Mrs. J. B. Martin professes to have reached that state of perfection whereby it is impossible for her to die. Her followers, who number about thirty, regard her as Christ manifested in the flesh in his second advent into the world. It has never been ascertained that she herself lays claim to anything of the kind. It is also said that they regarded her sister as the earthly embodiment of the Holy Spirit. To these two persons they render a homage as supernatural beings. They believe that the millennium is about to begin on earth. Yet their meetings are reserved for those only who, having become dead to the world, are born again into a new life of perfect holiness.

Your correspondent and artist called on Mrs. Martin to secure a photograph of the "Divinity," but it transpired that she was pledged not to give her portrait to the press, nor would she even show one of her photographs. She treated your correspondent with the most extreme courtesy, and while engaged in conversation with him your artist secured the accompanying sketch. It will be easily recognized by any of her acquaintances, and would be a surprise to herself, only that we explain here how we obtained it.

Mrs. Martin is a most fascinating conversationist. She is a small person, dress neatly, and would never be accused by a newspaper man of possessing any privileges not accorded to the rest of mortals. She never claimed divinity only in mortality, and she denies all the charges of previous immortality which some papers bring against her. —Rombox.

### THOMAS COGSWELL,

Democratic Candidate for Governor of New Hampshire.

Capt. Cogswell, the Democratic nominee for governor of New Hampshire, was born in that state forty-five years ago. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1852, immediately entered the army and was promoted captain of his company within a year. After the war he studied law, and has practiced it since his admission to the bar in 1856.



THOMAS COGSWELL.

He was elected a representative to the general court in 1871-72, overcoming a Republican majority of 60 in his town, Gilchriston, and was the Democratic speaker of the house in 1872, and elected a state senator in 1873. Capt. Cogswell was chairman of the board of selectmen in 1869-71-72. In 1872 he was elected solicitor of Benning county. He is now engaged in agricultural pursuits and in the management of his own estate.

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