

ELIASON'S TRAGIC DEATH IN DETAIL

Letter from His Brother Tells Particulars of the Pitiful Affair.

AUSTRALIANS VERY KIND.

Rendered All Assistance While Life Lasted and Sincerely Mourned at the Death.

The subjoined letter from Frank E. Eliason, brother of Oscar Eliason, was yesterday received by Paul Hammer, and gives additional particulars of the death of the magician:

"It is with unspeakable grief that I am compelled to relate a most lamentable accident, an accident that has lost to us one who was not only loved by us but was respected by every one, and has closed a career that in a few years time would have known no bounds.

"It was just a week ago today that Oscar Verge (Mrs. Eliason), Reeves, Jones, the pianist, and Dr. Treussard and myself made up a party to hunt kangaroos and wallabies. We left our hotel at Dubbo about noon and drove out about six miles. After unhooking the horses and turning them loose we all went out, but returned in a few hours for refreshment.

"We again went out in the evening and had all again returned and fired our last shots at some birds in a tree ahead of us, when Oscar threw up his hands and cried, 'I know it! I know it!' I ran to him and caught him as he was falling down. Oscar had been accidentally shot by Jones. He undid his clothes himself and we found the bullet just under the skin in the center of the abdomen. The bullet had entered just behind the hip, from which blood rushed in torrents.

"The boys immediately rushed to hitch up the horses. Verge noticed the excitement, came over and found the wagon and seeing the trouble, nearly went wild. She, however, soon calmed herself and assisted us to put Oscar into the wagon. We drove with all haste into Dubbo. When we arrived in town we summoned the best doctor to be had. He extracted the bullet and thought it would only be a flesh wound.

"Oscar suffered great pain all night, but in the early morning the pain became even more terrible, although morphia was frequently injected. He could not rest. The local doctors now feared that inflammation of the bowels had set in and they started preparations for an operation. He, however, seemed to rally and the operation was postponed.

"The doctor stated that if any entrails were cut, as he felt sure was the case, there was the hope that they would stick to the walls on either side, nature growing a gelatine film over as a substitute. If things were in this condition and an operation were performed no good would result and probably a lot of harm.

"Ten o'clock Sunday, with no improvement, an operation was decided on. There were three doctors, two nurses and myself present. An operation was made just above the groin and a lot of matter taken out. A huge abscess had formed on the entrails, and after carefully examining the track of the bullet the doctors said there was no hope.

"Gauze drains were placed through the abdominal cavity from the wound and we were advised to send to Sydney for Dr. McCormick, supposed to be the best surgeon in Australia.

"The special train, due in six hours, was delayed on account of hot boxes, and did not arrive till 10 o'clock Monday night with Dr. McCormick.

"After examining Oscar, Dr. McCormick advised to let the operation go over till morning, as Oscar was feeling easier. At 1 o'clock he was worse again and the operation was made Tuesday morning.

"After coming to from the operation he felt much relieved. It was then we had Oscar make his will, he exclaiming, 'You mean to kill me, don't you? But I am going to live anyway.' The doctors had given him only a few hours to live.

"After this he lived till 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. When told there was no hope of his recovery, he said: 'Well, that's my bad.' He believed it, talking to the very last of continuing the tour in a week or so.

"We had the will drawn up, turning everything over to his wife. He said it was all right and that he knew what he would provide for Ethel, their little girl. When Verge asked him if he had anything to say, he said: 'No, but I think we understand each other perfectly and that is all that is necessary.' When asked if he desired her to go home, Oscar said he would leave it all to Verge, but thought we ought to continue the show.

"Verge was hysterical before his death and for some time after, constantly requiring watching. She bore up bravely at the funeral and has done so since.

"Viola Pratt is a constant caller and is a great comfort to Verge.

"Oscar made so many friends in Australia and they are falling all over themselves to render any help. We have bushel baskets full of condolences from all over Australia. It is said there never was a death so universally regretted. It was necessary for an extra carriage to carry the floral offerings to the grave. The streets were blocked with people at the funeral. As the hearse passed, everyone, from the lowest vagabond to royalty in carriages, respectfully raised their hats. Schools were drawn up in bodies along the line of march to pay their last respects to the beloved 'Dante'.

"When we left Dubbo with the remains to go to Sydney, every shop in the town was closed and it was necessary for us to go out of the hotel the back way to avoid the crush. At the station the crowd was so great the funeral train was delayed fifteen minutes in leaving, and during the whole night's ride every station we passed was crowded to see the train that was taking 'Dante' on his last journey.

"Verge does not feel that she can come home until affairs are straightened out. I wish I could divert her mind from the tragic incident. She has eaten nothing yet, but is feeling a trifle more cheerful tonight. Ethel wept very bitterly and felt the shock keenly at first.

"Well, Paul, I don't know what the foregoing letter is like, but I have done my best. It is the hardest piece of work I have ever done, and may God grant that there will never be another occasion for writing another such letter. Kindly read the letter to father and tell him that everything science and money could do was done to save Oscar."

MONEY NEEDED BY THE SCHOOLS.

Movement on Foot to Borrow the Sum of \$20,000.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S PLAN

Proposed to Call a Special Election and Thus Find Out the Views of Taxpayers.

The question of keeping the public schools open for the full term of nine months is a matter the taxpayers will have to decide. The board of education finds that in order to keep the schools running that length of time it will be necessary to borrow at least \$20,000, as the funds in the hands of Treasurer Barnett are not sufficient to meet the expenses of more than an eight-months' session.

The committee on finance has had the matter under consideration for some time past, and now proposes to recommend the advisability of securing an overdraft of \$20,000 and keep the schools going for the full term. Should the board acquiesce arrangements will be made to have the citizens vote upon the proposition. A polling place will be established in each of the five municipal wards and the taxpayers will be asked to express their views in the ballot.

Speaking of the matter today Mr. Bamberger, chairman of the finance committee, said the board would not be required to pay any interest on the overdraft. He further stated the money could be readily returned for the simple reason that the increase in real estate values would insure a much larger tax revenue this year than last.

M. W. MERRILL, JR. DEAD.

Pneumonia Finds Another Victim in the Person of a Citizen of Cache.

Was Manager of the Richmond Coal and a Well Known Business Man.

The sad news comes from Richmond, Cache county, of the death at that place of Mariner W. Merrill, Jr., the eldest son of Apostle M. W. Merrill.

The deceased was stricken some time ago with pneumonia, and finally succumbed to that malady, last Saturday night at 10:14 o'clock.

Mr. Merrill was a man prominent in the affairs of Richmond, having been manager of the Richmond Co-operative store for a number of years, and conducting the business of that institution in a very successful manner. He was the superintendent of the Richmond Sunday school, and a valued member of the High Council of Cache County.

He was a large family man, and a host of friends and relatives who mourn deeply over his loss.

The funeral services will be held from the Richmond meeting house on Wednesday next at 12 o'clock, noon.

RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW.

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of maple, the wood being of Utah growth. It is elaborately ornamented with silver and gold, the metal being taken from Utah hills. A heavy silver band bears the inscription: "Presented to President Arthur F. Barnes by the Utah Association in the Salt Lake City Council, A. B. Margolis, F. S. Fernstrom, George Romney, Edgar Howe, Robert Patrick, Chris Dehl, Robert Morris, A. A. Robertson, E. M. Welton, John S. Anderson, George Buckle, Henry Wallace, John Allen, E. R. Callister.

The ceremony of the Y. L. M. I. A. will be held in the Assembly Hall Sunday evening, Jan. 7th. Young Ladies' association will not meet in the ward conjoint sessions on the above date, as a full attendance from each association is to be present at the conference. The First Presidency have kindly consented to be present and speak on that occasion.

NELLIE C. TAYLOR, LLOYD W. SMITH, EMILY C. ADAMS, Stake Supt.

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The wealth of the multi-millionaires is not equal to good health. Riches without health are a curse, and yet the rich, the middle classes and the poor alike, have, in Hood's Sarsaparilla, a valuable assistant in getting and maintaining perfect health.

Catarh—"Our little boy's whooping cough left him with catarh, but Hood's Sarsaparilla made him perfectly well. I have taken it myself with satisfactory results." Mrs. W. S. Gordner, Newton, Kan.

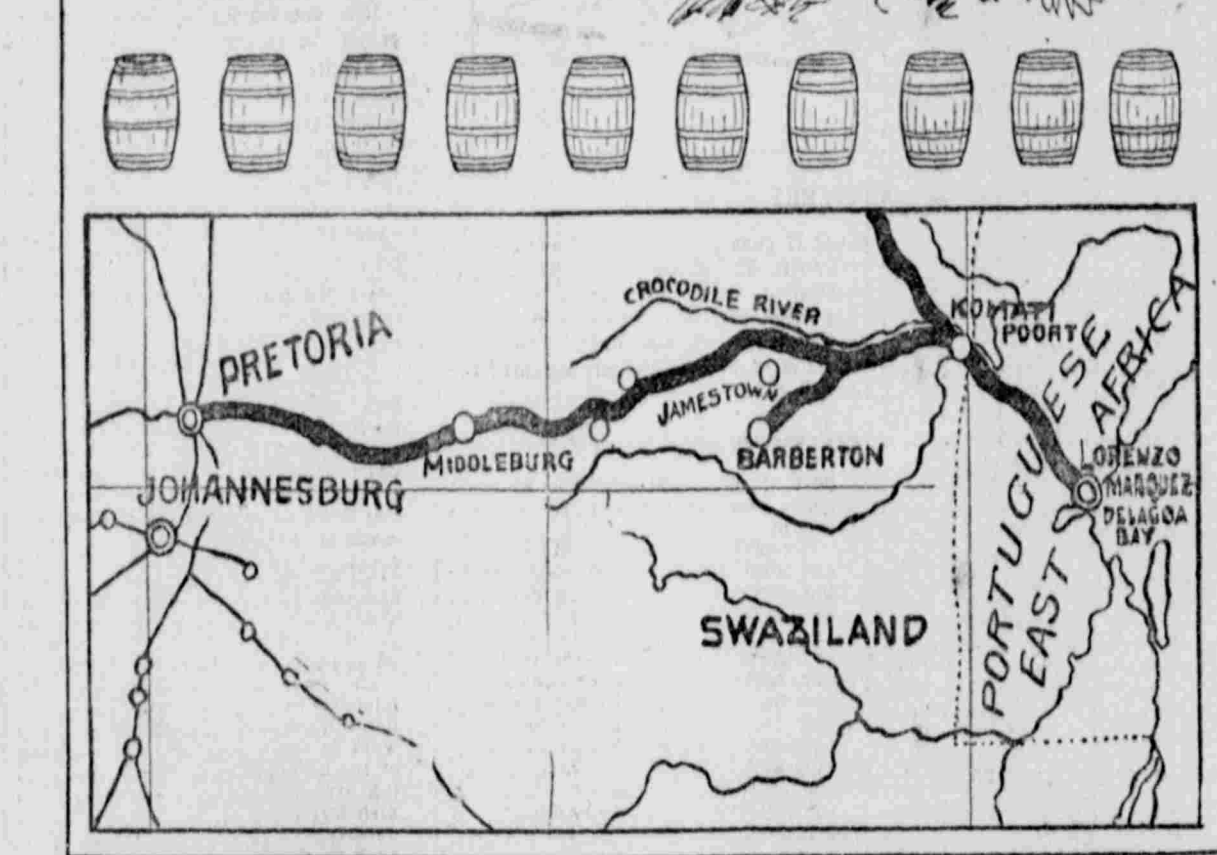
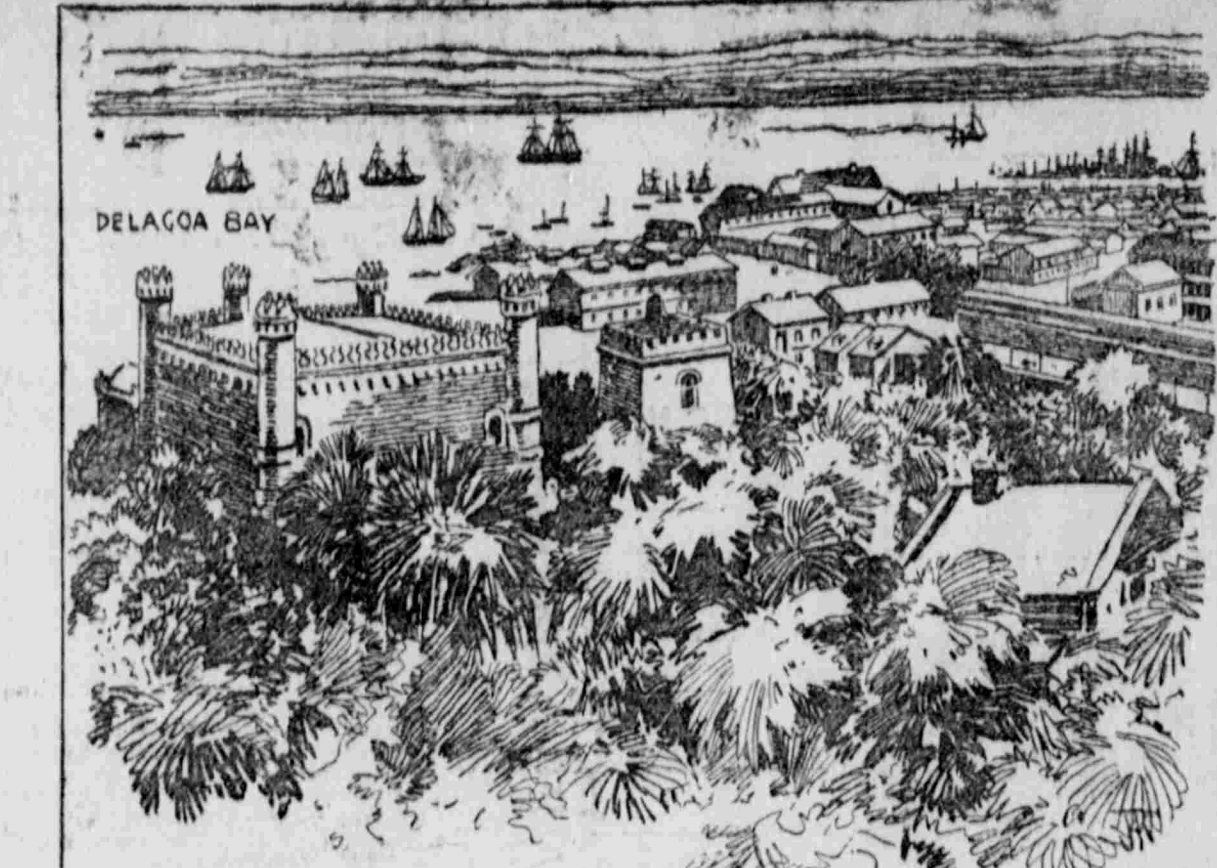
Scrofula—"My boy suffered with scrofula when young. Two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla cured him. He is now ten. Our physician advised its use. We always recommend it." Mrs. E. C. Clipper, 8 Kidder St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Tired All Day—"No tired feeling since I used to have morning and night since Hood's Sarsaparilla cured it as it cured the pain in my little girl's stomach." Jas. T. Mann, Hubbardston, Mass.

Pain in the Side—"I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills for pain in the side and back. Was not able to work. They cured me." Mary E. Cate, Chesterfield, S. C.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Never Disappoints.

Hood's Pills are liver pills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.



DELAGO BAY, WHICH MAY BE SEIZED BY GREAT BRITAIN.

Portuguese East Africa, the narrow strip of territory lying between the Transvaal and the sea and through which a railroad runs from Delagoa Bay to Pretoria, the Boer capital, may soon be seized by Great Britain. By stopping vessels, English and Dutch, carrying cargoes of food shipped by American merchants to the Portuguese port on Delagoa Bay and forcing them to discharge in British territory England has done something the results of which may be far-reaching. The state department at Washington has protested against the seizure. England claims the floor is for the Boers and that it is taken by rail to Pretoria.

MCCOY-MAHER FIGHT TODAY.

After Six Weeks' Training, Both Men are in Perfect Condition.

ESTIMATE OF THE FIGHTERS

Each is Confident that He is Capable of Winning the Battle for the Rich Prize of \$20,000.

Very little local interest has been shown in the McCoy-Maher contest scheduled for this afternoon.

The opinion that the "Kid" will come off victorious seems to prevail, but there are many who believe that the son of Ireland will win.

For their battle at Coney Island this afternoon, which means so much to each in a pugilistic way, Charles, better known as "Kid" McCoy, and Peter Maher, of Ireland, are in perfect physical condition, the result of six weeks of conscientious training, says a dispatch to the "News" from New York today.

Both Maher and McCoy concluded their preparations for the battle yesterday with mild exercise. The dispatch continues:

Judging from the advance sale of tickets the attendance will be almost as large as the other big battles held at Coney Island, the audience of the organization. All the box seats have been disposed of and more than half of the reserved seats. While the crowd may be as large as that which witnessed the Fitzsimmons-Jeffries and Sharkey-Jeffries fights, the receipts will not be so large, as the prices asked for the tickets are much smaller.

The fight will be called promptly at half past three o'clock, Charlie White will officiate as referee.

Maher left his training quarters near the Morris park race track at 9 o'clock this morning and went immediately to Coney Island, where he will remain until called to enter the ring. McCoy started from White Plains for Coney Island at 5 o'clock. He will make his headquarters at a hotel near the Coney Island Club house.

This is not a fight concerning the probable outcome of which any of the experts will speak with any degree of positiveness. It is not one of those battles in which the adherents of either man will set it down as a fact that their particular favorite will win no stronger, better conditioned man than he ever was at any previous stage of his career. McCoy, the most skillful fighter in the world, has gained what he thinks he always lacked—weight. Whether he has gained that weight at the expense of stamina will be determined in today's fight. In fancying that weight is the only drawback from which he suffered in the past, McCoy has been laboring under a delusion. He has had weight enough for all practical purposes. He lacks that which no

amount of training ever can give to him—a rugged physique.

Nor has he what is called the fighting instinct, that quality which keeps a man fighting against any odds, and which prevents him from acknowledging defeat while he has the strength to strike a blow or to defend himself, or even can stand in the ring.

Over McCoy, Maher is not the Maher who was beaten by Fitzsimmons and Goddard. For the first time in his life, Peter has trained hard and conscientiously for a fight. He is married and has settled down to work seriously. No man could have worked harder or more faithfully to fit himself for a fight than Maher has worked for this battle. He has done everything which he should have done, and avoided doing everything which he should have avoided.

He has not been burdened with facts, fancies or theories and he has not worried about his weight.

Over McCoy, Maher would have what every pugilist would desire—weight and height, but the Kid will outreach him and this alone in the reach coupled with his superior skill he counts as a winning combination. But he is no more confident of the success of this combination than Maher is of triumphing by his greater strength and what he believes to be his harder hitting powers. When it comes to punching there are not many men in the world who can punch harder than Maher. It will be McCoy's constant endeavor to guard his jaw and body carefully and to jab his opponent to helplessness.

In Maher's opinion, he is fit to fight for a kingdom. Each is confident that he is in condition to battle for the rich prize of \$20,000, which one of them will pull down before the setting of today's sun.

In a statement last night Maher said: "I will defeat McCoy in about ten rounds of our battle at Coney Island this afternoon."

"This is a pretty confident prediction to make, but I don't really think it will fall to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c."

McCoy is equally confident and says he will jab and punch his man to a standstill.

The "Kid" is the more clever boxer, and he depends on this fact very much, as he claims the heavy hitting Irishman will not be able to land on him. Taken all in all it promises to be a remarkably interesting contest and will undoubtedly draw a large crowd to the seaside arena. From out of town sporting centers many delegations of ring followers have arrived and many more are expected today. Opinions are pretty equally divided as to the outcome. The betting, though, thus far, is in Maher's favor and in all probability the Irish champion will be a 100 to 70 favorite when the referee brings the men together at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

W. A. Brady, the well known theatrical man, by his local attorneys, has applied to the Third district court for a writ of injunction directed against W. H. West to enjoin the defendant from giving an exhibition of pictures representing the Jeffries-Sharkey fight. Mr. Brady was Jeffries' manager and he claims to have a copyright on the pictures. West has been exhibiting in this city for several days past. An alternative writ was issued Saturday afternoon and West will be required to show cause 10 a. m. Thursday, January 25, Brady's pictures are booked for the Grand the evening of the same day.

ACKER'S ENGLISH REMEDY WILL STOP A COUGH

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We will put on sale 200 pairs of men's box calf shoes, shoes that we have sold regularly all winter for \$5. They're good, heavy, winter shoes. They're calf lined, have Goodyear welts, heavy double soles. They're made with all the care that Robinson's shoe builders can give them. Every pair is at our \$5 value, not some \$2 and \$3 shoes mixed in to throw you off. We know they're as good as any \$5 shoe on the market. Commencing Tuesday, January 2nd, you can have your choice for \$4.

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JOHN B. WEIMER, Agent.

NEW YEAR'S DAY IN WASHINGTON.

Brilliant Reception by the President and Wife at the White House.

SUN WAS BRIGHT, AIR CRISP.

Glittering Display in Dress, Contrast with Modern Uniforms—Reception in the Blue Parlor.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The social season in Washington was ushered in today with a brilliant New Year's reception at the White House, at which the President and Mrs. McKinley received the congratulations and well wishes of several thousand people, including the representatives of foreign governments, jurists, statesmen, officers of the army and navy, and others eminent in the social and political life of the capital.

A review of the whole winter calendar up to date, could hardly have found a day better fitted for the New Year functions. The snow that has grown a trifle grimy during the past week was covered over with a fresh fall, scarcely an inch thick. The broad sweep of the White House drive had been quickly cleared of this, but the lawns were covered with the fresh white mantle, and the bare, black limbs of the trees were outlined in silver dust. The sun was bright, but the air was crisp and frosty.

At an early hour the streets beyond the White House grounds began to fill with the crowd that surged back and forth eager for a place in the public line that was to follow the reception of the various sections of the day's pageant. The decorations of the executive mansion were not so elaborate as they have been on some former occasions; still there was a profusion of palms, ferns, smilax, holly, and evergreens everywhere throughout the state dining room, the blue, red and green parlors, and the east room. The ornate tables were banked high with foliage plants, and the window recesses filled with tall graceful palms and plants. The green of the foliage plants was relieved by scarlet poinsettias and other flowering plants. The light of the brilliant winter day was excluded and the rooms flooded with electric lights from thousands of tiny bulbs in the ceilings and sparkling chandeliers, adding to the brilliancy of the decorations.

The glittering gold and silver trappings with the members of the diplomatic corps and the full dress uniforms of the army and navy contrasted strongly with the modest black of the jurists, statesmen and civilian officials of the government as they moved through the mazy throng.

The President and Mrs. McKinley received in the blue parlor, assisted by the members of the cabinet and their wives, and behind the line were about fifty of the wives and daughters of Senators, Representatives, prominent army and navy officers and others high in social and official circles. The full marine band in their uniforms were stationed at the head of the corridor opposite the state dining room, and throughout the reception played patriotic airs.

The New Year's reception approaches nearer to a court function than other of the social affairs of the President and the official program, with its order of precedence, is rigidly adhered to.

The President and Mrs. McKinley met the members of the cabinet in the west corridor on the second floor shortly before 11 o'clock, while the members of the diplomatic corps in their brilliant court dress, were gathering in the state dining room, adjoining the red parlor.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the bugles sounded the assembly and the red coated marine band struck up the strains of "Hail to the Chief." To this accompanied the procession, headed by President McKinley and Mrs. McKinley, moved down the broad stairway and took their places in the blue parlor, adjoining the red parlor. Mrs. McKinley wore an elaborate gown of broad-clothed white satin, owing to her feeble health she received seated. Next to her stood Mrs. Hay, wife of the secretary of state; Mrs. Gage, wife of the secretary of the treasury; Mrs. Root, wife of the secretary of war; Mrs. Griggs, wife of the attorney general; Mrs. Smith, wife of the postmaster general; Mrs. Long, Mrs. Hitchcock, wife of the secretary of the interior, and Miss Wilson, daughter of the secretary of agriculture, all brilliantly groomed.

Behind the line gathered the other young ladies of the cabinet, the wives and daughters of senators and representatives and other distinguished officials, who had been invited to assist. This list was as follows:

The Misses Hay, Miss Root, the Misses Griggs, the Misses Long, the Misses Hitchcock, Miss Grace McKinley, Miss Sarah Dunton, Mrs. John Addison Porter, Mrs. T. A. Ringham, Mrs. David J. Hill, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Harlan, the Misses Harlan, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. White, Miss Brewer, Mrs. Brown, the Misses Wood, Mrs. Shiras, Mrs. Peckham, Mrs. McKenna, the Misses McKenna, Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. William P. Frye, Mrs. M. A. Hanna, Mrs. J. C. Burrows, Mrs. Shelby, Mrs. Cullum, Mrs. Ridgely, Mrs. Ridgely, Miss Fisher, Mrs. John W. Daniel, Mrs. C. K. Davis, Mrs. S. B. Elkins, Mrs. C. W. Fairbanks, Mrs. H. Lodge, Mrs. James McMillan, Mrs. McMillan, the Misses Morgan, Mrs. O. S.

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