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BRITISH POLITICAL SOCIETY.

Religious Issue Raised Among Those Forming the New Organisation.

Some fifty men attended a meeting held in Arcade Hall, Park square, Monday evening, the purpose of which, as stated at the opening, was the formation of a political organization of British-born citizens of the United States.

As the meeting progressed several speakers declared that any citizen, whatever his birth or parentage, could join the association if he believed in the principles of good government enunciated in a preamble adopted by the meeting.

The religious question came up, and several men were present who apparently thought the meeting was intended to re-visit upon. Several declared that it should be an organization of Protestants—that no Catholic should be admitted.

Others stoutly maintained that creed should not be considered in passing upon the qualifications of applicants for membership.

John C. Gordon called the meeting to order, and said the intention of the contemplated organization was to secure the election of capable and high-minded men to public office; to perfect such an association of citizens that candidates which were favored by it.

A. S. Fisher read a lengthy preamble, which after defining a general view for honest administration of the public affairs, directed that each member be pledged to assist in bringing about the friendly interest of the English and American people in each other.

This declaration of principles was adopted. In the declaration of principles adopted the name suggested is the "Naturalized Citizens Association." The committee will consider the name, and at the next meeting, to be held Monday evening at Arcade Hall, a report will be made.

**BAR HARBOR LIQUOR RAIDS.**

Keeps of Low Dives Turn on Hotels and Clubs Out of Beverage.

BAR HARBOR, July 24.—Bar Harbor is fighting against a liquor war which has now invaded society and is causing a general upsurge. Because several of the low dives in the town have been raided and fined their owners have turned and sworn out warrants against the fashionable clubs and hotels to prevent them from serving liquor to their guests.

The Malvern, which is the leading hotel here, was searched last night at the dinner hour to the great consternation of the guests. A considerable quantity of wines were seized.

**TOAD SLEPT 15 YEARS.**

While making excavations in connection with the preliminary work of widening Forest Hills square, West Roxbury district, a workman digging at a depth of about eight or nine feet noticed a peculiar ball of dirt.

He picked it up and broke it open, and was greatly surprised to find that the crust of clay contained a toad.

He called the attention of the boss to the "find," and as they examined it together began to expand, it then began to extend its legs, opened its eyes, and in a few minutes jumped from the laborer's hand.

The boss said that the toad at that point had not to his knowledge, been opened in fifteen years.

**ALBANY TRANSFER DELAYED.**

According to President William Bliss of the Boston & Albany road, the formal transfer of that company to the New York Central, under the terms of the recently approved lease, is not likely to occur much before Oct. 1.

"The date of the lease," said Mr. Bliss, "is July 1, but the failure of the Legislature to approve it before that date holds up certain legal questions that will require to be adjusted before the transfer can take place. When the New York Central takes over the property it will take it as of July 1, and it will be entitled to all earnings of the Boston & Albany after that date."

**OLD HOME WEEK IN MAINE.**

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## NOT A LEPER.

Board of Health Decides That Soo Kee Has Eczema.

"SICK IN THE FEET."

Scranton Chinaman Left That City to Get Better Medical Service.

GIVEN RIGID EXAMINATION.

Boston had a leprosy scare yesterday, but it didn't "pan out."

Word that a Chinese leper had come to Boston and was being sheltered by friends or relatives in the Chinese quarter aroused the officials of the health department yesterday morning and brought about a prompt investigation.

The supposed leper, Soo Kee, having been examined by the health department yesterday morning and found to be afflicted with the dread Oriental disease, which makes outcasts of its victims.

The news of Soo Kee's arrival came through an Associated Press despatch from Boston, stating that he had left that place for Boston, where he had a wealthy brother. Soo ran a laundry in the Pennsylvania town. He arrived in Boston on Monday night, and went immediately to the building at 23 Oxford street, occupied by the L. L. Wash Company, in which place he was housed.

There he was found by the health board's investigating party, which included Dr. Samuel H. Duran, chairman of the board; Dr. Thomas B. Shea, chief medical examiner; Dr. Brough, Dr. Hill and Dr. Burr.

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## THIEF CHASE.

General Wood Rescinds Clause Marines, Police and Shouting.

Cutting Down Their Pay. Crowds After Unknown Youth.

OTHER GRIEVANCES REMAIN. HE STOLE AT NAVY YARD.

But Frye Will Urge Secretary of War to Intervene.

He Finally Jumped From Warren Line Wharf Into Mystic.

THEN WAS LOST SIGHT OF.

A squad of marines close on the heels of a young thief, followed by three police officers from Station 15 and several hundred people, shouting and hooting, tore up Water street at a breakneck pace and occasioned considerable excitement in Charlestown yesterday afternoon.

A young man who appeared to be not over 20 years of age was seen by a marine in the navy yard carrying off a lot of copper which he had stolen from one of the yards. The youth was placed under arrest.

He never hesitated, but, taking enough time to throw off his coat, he plunged into the water.

Those who heard the splash, but when they reached the pier he jumped from the water and used the grapple to pull himself up. At last night the man had not been located.

The police have a good description of him, but it does not seem to know who he can be. It is thought he swam around the vessel at the wharf and another wharf away unseen on the other side of the wharf.

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## NEW QUEEN OF THE SEAS.

The Deutschland Makes Eastern Trip in 5 Days, 14 Hours and 6 Minutes.

LONDON, July 24.—The Hamburg-American liner Deutschland has proved her right to the title queen of the seas by her splendid performance on her maiden voyage from New York.

She arrived at Plymouth, Eng., this morning at 8:30 o'clock in the record time of 5 days 14 hours and 6 minutes from New York. This was accomplished despite the fog she experienced on two days of the voyage.

Her biggest run was 536 miles, made on July 19, the second day out. The next best trip was that made by the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which covered the distance in 8 days 15 hours and 10 minutes.

The Deutschland therefore holds the record for the fastest voyage across the Atlantic in both directions, she having made her maiden westward trip in 5 days 14 hours and 15 minutes, against that of 5 days 22 hours and 35 minutes made by the Kaiser.

**ASTOR HAS THREE ALTERNATIVES.**

Must Either Fight a Duel, Apologize Abjectly or Give His Daughter to Sir A. Milne.

For love of whom Baroness Milne has stood insults from her father, William Waldorf Astor.

LONDON, July 24.—Further developments in the love affair of Pauline Astor and Sir Archibald Milne are keeping London society circles in a ferment.

Sir Archibald is a handsome, tall man, with perfect manners and of very old and aristocratic family, an old member of the Duke of York, with whom he served on several ships.

It was a case of love at first sight between the baroness and the duke's son. The baroness, who is a great favorite of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the future King of England has publicly expressed his admiration of Mr. Astor's action. In fact, he has written a letter to the baroness, in which he has expressed his admiration of Mr. Astor's action.

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