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OFFERS BILL TO ABOLISH THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Assemblyman Fitzgerald Says the Board Is Worthless and Introduces a Measure to Wipe It Out.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 23.—To abolish the worthless Railway Commission is the purpose of a bill introduced by Assemblyman James J. Fitzgerald, of Manhattan, this afternoon. The bill is brief in words, simply providing for the repeal of Chapter 333 of the Laws of 1882 and all acts amendatory thereof. This chapter created the Railway Commission during the administration of Mr. Cleveland as Governor. It provided for the appointment of three commissioners at a salary of \$8,000 a year, and other officials, secretaries and clerks. As The Evening World has shown, the Commissioners and all the other attaches of the Commission are the paid servants of the railways, while apparently State officials. The cost of maintaining the Commission is paid by the State in the first instance and then assessed against the railways. The Commission is little value to the State or the people, serving the railways as they demand. All Politicians. All the Commissioners are politicians, and have little or no knowledge of practical railway operation. The affairs of the office are conducted under a spirit of mystery, about which the members

WOMAN SLAIN NEAR HOME.

Lay with Head Battered by Roadside in White Plains.

MAY BE TRAMPS' VICTIM.

Police and Husband Had Searched for Her Sixteen Hours—Mystery in the Case.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Jan. 23.—Mrs. Isabella Allen was found murdered in a clump of bushes near her home, No. 23 College avenue, here, this afternoon. Her head had been battered in as if with a stone. No arrests have been made in the case, and the police think the woman was waylaid and killed by tramps. Mrs. Allen helped her husband, James Allen, to support their household by going out washing. Recently she had been working for a Mrs. Leggo, who lives at No. 36 Mamaroneck avenue. She went as usual to Mrs. Leggo's house yesterday, and, as it was her custom to return home soon after 6 o'clock in the evening, her husband, after waiting until 8, became alarmed, and with his daughters went in search of her. At Mrs. Leggo's house they were told that Mrs. Allen had started for home at her usual time, and inquiry was made for her in the village, but no trace was found. The police were then notified, and the search continued throughout the night and to-day. Shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon the body of the woman was discovered in a clump of bushes about two hundred feet from the Allen home. It lay near a stone wall. A short distance away is a school-house, and fifty children had passed to and fro within a few feet of where the body lay to-day, but had failed to see it. The top of the woman's skull was crushed in and the assassin must have struck a number of blows in killing her. James Allen, the husband, is a gardener and mason. He and his family have lived here since August last, they coming from Unionville, where they had resided eight years. There are five children in the family. Mrs. Allen was forty-four years old. The police are hard at work on the case and hope soon to get some clue to the murderer, whose motive is not yet wholly apparent.

VERY LATEST NEWS IN BRIEFEST FORM.

POLICE OFFICIALS PUT UNDER HEAVY BONDS.

Because Comptroller Grout believes their present bonds insufficient, Police Commissioner Partridge has ordered every inspector and captain in all five boroughs of the city—the only men who handle the salaries of the uniformed police force—to furnish a bond of \$20,000 each to guarantee the proper delivery of the department money each month. Hitherto captains were required to give \$10,000 bonds and inspectors \$15,000.

HUMANE SOCIETY AFTER ATTORNEY-GENERAL KNOX.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—It is reported that officers of the Humane Society have warned Attorney-General Knox that he is violating the law by compelling his horses to hold their heads too high when being driven to his carriage.

DRYDEN GAINS IN SENATORIAL RACE.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 23.—The vote in the Republican caucus for United States Senator on the eleventh ballot was 24 for Dryden and 16 for Griggs, the two leaders. Gummere has withdrawn. The fourteenth ballot was the same.

TWENTY-FIVE BIG TURTLES IN HER CARGO.

The steamer Antilia, which docked at pier 12, East River, this afternoon, brought twenty-five huge turtles as part of her cargo from Nassau. She experienced rough weather and had to put into Newport News for coal and repairs.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Ben Hullum 1, Poyntz 2, Add 3.

RUN DOWN BY AN EIGHTH AVENUE CAR.

Thomas Onwalt, sixty-two years old, of No. 234 West Sixteenth street, was knocked down by an electric car at Central Park West and Sixty-second street to-day. His skull was fractured and he was taken to Roosevelt Hospital.

THEODORE WEIL DISINHERITED BROTHER.

The will of Theodore G. Weil, bachelor, filed to-day, gives \$14,000 each to Mr. Weil's sisters, Mrs. Bella Hochstadter and Mrs. Fanny Aronstein; \$5,000 to his brother Edwin C. Weil, and after several charitable bequests, the residue to Simon S. Weil, Louis J. Weil, of No. 113 West Fortieth street, another brother, is not mentioned. Mt. Sinai Hospital receives \$2,000 for a perpetual bed.

ANOTHER TUNNEL WRECK BARELY AVERTED.

At the State Railroad Commission tunnel investigation this afternoon Supt. Franklin, of the Central, said there was no danger of congestion or collision in the tunnel after 9 o'clock. Lawyer Shearn jumped up and asked if a disaster had not been barely averted, a 10 o'clock yesterday morning. He then explained: "Mr. Lewis, of No. 39 Broad street, told me he was on a New Haven train from New Rochelle yesterday morning and got stalled in the tunnel at 10 o'clock. He says a rear brakeman ran back and an incoming train was stopped barely fifty yards from the rear car of the New Haven train." Mr. Franklin said he had heard nothing of it. He declared a single-block tunnel impracticable with the present yard system. Details of the investigation will be found on Page 4.

DAMAGES REFUSED TALLY-HO PARTY.

The jury in Justice Freedman's part of the Supreme Court sided with the Union Railway Company in their contention that Charles A. Baudouine's tally-ho coach and four ran into their trolley car at One Hundred and Forty-fourth street and was not run down. A verdict was brought in this afternoon against Mrs. Anna C. Baudouine, who sued for \$1,000 for being thrown off her seat on the roof of the coach.

HYSTERICAL GIRL FALLS OFF WITNESS-STAND.

Euzenia Carleton, the nineteen-year-old plaintiff in a suit for \$3,000 damages for injuries resulting from the sudden starting of a Forty-second street car just as she was stepping off, went into a hysterical fit just as she ascended to the witness-stand this afternoon. She tumbled headlong off the dais to the floor, between Judge and jury, screaming. The trial was adjourned.

STANDARD OIL IN EQUITABLE INSURANCE COMPANY DEAL.

The Brooklyn Eagle announces this afternoon that the Standard Oil Company has secured control of the Equitable Life Assurance Society—a project which the Harriman-Stillman-Gould interests are said to have been secretly pushing for some time past. They are said to have obtained control of the interest in the insurance company heretofore owned by the Hyde estate. No confirmation of the report was obtained.

TEN-YEAR-OLD DRUNK IN GUTTER.

John Cenaty, ten years old, of No. 546 West Forty-sixth street, was charged with intoxication before Magistrate Peol to-day. Policeman Murtha found him in the gutter, unconscious. Agent Cole, of the Children's Society, said he understood the boy got drunk on beer stolen from a grocer.

WILDER GOES MRS. PAT A FEW BETTER.

Marshall P. Wilder called on President Cantor this afternoon. After leaving he said he had called to try to get Mr. Cantor's consent to the placing of Wilton carpet in front of the Alpine, where he lives so that he could sleep at night.

PATRICK PERSUADED JONES TO GIVE RICE THE POISON.

Accused Murderer Made Three Fatal Mistakes, Says the Prosecution—Testimony Will Be Begun To-Morrow.

Assistant District-Attorney Osborne closed his address to the Patrick jury this afternoon with a dramatic description of the alleged death scene in Millionaire Rice's chamber. He vividly pictured the old man's struggle for life with the chloroform cone pressed tightly over his face by Jones, and pointed at the prisoner as the real murderer of the aged millionaire. "He told Jones to do it! He persuaded Jones to give the poison—and the old man was killed," said Mr. Osborne, as he finished his speech. And Patrick only smiled. Lawyer Moore, commenting on Mr. Osborne's opening, said: "There was no surprise in it. He clearly showed his hand, and there is nothing that has not been outlined before. Our case looks just as good as ever. My client is cheerful and not the least nervous, but glad that the ordeal is over." Fred House said that the address was rather weak and that Mr. Osborne had violated all precedents by introducing argument.

PATRICK'S THREE MISTAKES.

NO. 1—HE FAILED to ascertain how long it takes to get a crematory ready for a body's reception. NO. 2—HIS TELEGRAM to Rice's relatives; "Mr. Rice died last night, attended by a physician. Death certificate: Old age." NO. 3—HE CHOKED up the sink in his office with documents alleged to have been the property of Rice. These are some of the salient points made by Assistant District-Attorney Osborne in his address to the jury. Failure to ascertain the time necessary for a crematory to be made ready was the rock on which Patrick foundered. Patrick knew he would have to face Rice's Texas relatives, and these people were likely to ask, "Why did you burn this body without letting us know?" He didn't want the body embalmed, and he did want it burned at once. Gentlemen, so far as we have been able to discover, Patrick never did one iota of work for Mr. Rice, and he never was near Mr. Rice until after Mr. Rice was dead. The doctor told Patrick that Mr. Rice was well and strong, and that he would be able to go downtown the next week—and the next day the old man died. Not until Mr. Swenson learned of Mr. Rice's death from Jones was this telegram sent to Rice's relatives. Mr. Rice died last night, attended by a physician. Death certificate: Old age. (Continued on Second Page.)

TORPEDO ON TRACK SCARES BROOKLYN.

EXPLOSION DRAWS A CROWD AND STOPS TRAFFIC.

Trolley Car Sets It Off, and Passengers Get an Extra Jolting. A loud explosion started all near the Borough Hall, Brooklyn, just before 2 o'clock this afternoon. A big crowd surged down Washington street, where the noise seemed to come from, and in three minutes at least 2,000 persons were jammed in a curious, half-frightened mass. The trolley cars were blocked and traffic for two blocks around was suspended. Then several pieces of torn tin were found scattered about the street, and further investigation by the police showed that the explosion happened when car No. 1067 of the Crosstown line was passing the corner. The passengers were jolted and scared badly, but no one was hurt. It is supposed that some one put some kind of a torpedo on the trolley tracks and the car set it off. Then several pieces of torn tin were found scattered about the street, and further investigation by the police showed that the explosion happened when car No. 1067 of the Crosstown line was passing the corner. The passengers were jolted and scared badly, but no one was hurt. It is supposed that some one put some kind of a torpedo on the trolley tracks and the car set it off.

DRYDEN LEADS IN CAUCUS BALLOTING.

NEW JERSEY LEGISLATORS CHOOSING A SENATOR.

Newark Man Makes Steady Gains on Griggs, His Next Opponent. TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 23.—The members of the Legislature met in caucus this afternoon to decide on a successor to the late United States Senator Rowell. The first ballot resulted thus: Dryden, 19; Griggs, 15; Stokes, 11; Gummere, 7; Baird, 6; Gardner, 5. Necessary to a win, 12. The second ballot resulted: Dryden, 21; Griggs, 14; Stokes, 11; Baird, 8; Gummere, 5; Gardner, 4. Third ballot: Dryden, 22; Griggs, 14; Stokes, 11; Baird, 7; Gardner, 5; Gummere, 4. Fourth ballot: Dryden, 22; Griggs, 14; Stokes, 11; Baird, 7; Gardner, 5; Gummere, 4. The fifth ballot resulted the same as the fourth. The four candidates from South Jersey, Messrs. Stokes, Baird, Gardner and Gummere, had a conference today with a view to uniting their forces in favor of some South Jersey candidate. The talk resulted in nothing except an expression of opinion that a South Jersey man should be chosen, even if it came to agreeing upon a particular man. The conference failed of its purpose and the four men separated with the situation unchanged.

HURLED OUT OF SLEEPER BERTHS.

TWELVE PASSENGERS WERE THROWN TO CAR FLOOR.

Peculiar Accident to the Atlantic Express Train on the Pennsylvania Road. ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 23.—The second section of the Pennsylvania Railroad Atlantic express, was bound this morning with an accident at McGarvey's Station, three miles west of Altoona. An east-bound freight train broke in two while descending the mountain. The rear section was brought to this city, and the rear section, consisting of twenty-eight cars, was brought to a standstill on the main track near McGarvey's. The first section of the Atlantic Express ran around the obstruction safely, but when the second section was crossing back to the main track the rear Pullman was bumped on the side by the freight, which, not being tightly held by the brakes, had moved down to the switch. The Pullman was turned over on its side and its twelve passengers thrown into the air. Four persons were slightly injured, and the injured consisted of four cases. All concluded on their journey.

ORDER MEAL; FOUGHT DUEL THEN DRINK; FIGHT DUEL ON HORSEBACK.

Justice Maddox Gives New Interpretation to the Raines Law. Col. Gilbert Bentley Killed by Riley Ramey in West Virginia.

Justice Maddox in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to-day handed down a decision which will tickle the palate of thirsty mortals. The strict interpretation of the Raines law as applied to Sunday drinking has heretofore been that drinks can only be served with meals. Justice Maddox says that this is not necessary. All you have to do is to order a meal, and while you are waiting for it you can fill yourself to the neck if you like. Suppose a man goes into a hotel and orders a steak. The proprietor does not happen to have a steak on hand, but he sends for it. Meantime the party or parties, while waiting for the steak, can drink as much as they choose. It doesn't matter if the steak be an hour or two late, they can keep on drinking. This decision will pave the way to all sorts of new schemes for the evasion of the restrictions of the Raines law. The case which brought this matter before the court was that of Jack A. Roushee, a bartender, at Bar Hook, away. One day last summer five men went into his place and ordered five drinks of whiskey. One of the men also ordered a steak. The drinks were served without waiting for the steak and Roushee was arrested. The five men were Excise agents of the State Department. They told Roushee that his license would be revoked. Roushee at once carried his case to the Supreme Court, and to-day Justice Maddox handed down his decision. He said: "Drinks can be served while meals are being prepared. He can have as many drinks as he likes, no matter how long it takes to prepare that meal. A violation of the law must be proven by a license can be revoked."

WHY HE LOCKED UP WOMAN FOR TEARS.

SERG. TODD SAYS MRS. GALE TALKED TOO MUCH.

Put on Trial Before Col. Thurston—First Told Her to "Shut Up." Sergt. Todd, of the West Thirtieth Street Police Station, appeared before Deputy Commissioner Thurston to-day, to answer the charge of conduct unbecoming an officer, preferred against him by Mrs. Harriet Gale, of No. 228 West Seventeenth street, who said that on the night of Jan. 15 the sergeant had used abusive language to her in the station house, where she had accompanied her nephew, who was under arrest, and then unjustly locked her up. Mrs. Gale, a handsome blonde, appeared in a stylish costume, consisting in part of a sea-king's sash and a Gainsborough hat. She is a young woman and the wife of a lawyer whose office is at No. 30 Wall street. Told to "Shut Up." "At the station-house," she said, "I tried to tell the sergeant that Mr. Gale had taken a little wine, but he wouldn't listen to me," said Mrs. Gale. "Because I wouldn't shut up," as he termed it, as quickly as he wanted me to, I was arrested. He said 'Take her in, too.'" "You had been drinking, hadn't you?" asked Sergt. Todd. "Only a little claret with my dinner," replied the woman. "I gave you a chance to go home, didn't I?" "You certainly never mentioned home," answered Mrs. Gale, her eyes flashing. Sergt. Todd told how Patrolman Barker had arrested Gale for upsetting an ash can. Accuses Her of Drinking. "The man was intoxicated," said the sergeant, "and the lady was slightly under the influence of liquor. I said to her: 'You're doing too much talking here, madam. I think if I were you I'd run along home.'" "She went out on the stoop talking to some one, and then she came into the station-house again, and I said, 'Well, if you insist upon staying here, I'll take you in.' That's all there was to it," Patrolman Barker said that while Sergt. Todd was taking Gale's pedigree Mrs. Gale interfered with him. "What do you mean by interfering?" asked Deputy Commissioner Thurston. "She was telling him what a good fellow he was, etc."

White Men Are Willing to Sell Vows Others Will Be Found to Buy.

FRIBOLD, N. J., Jan. 23.—The Monmouth County Grand Jury to-day returned a presentment in the matter of bribery at elections which they were charged to investigate by Justice Fort. In part it was as follows: "We called several witnesses, but our efforts have been without result. Other than to substantiate the general belief that money to a greater or less extent is used in this way by all parties in elections. The jury, with the court, deprecates this condition and earnestly hopes for its speedy eradication, but believes that so long as men are willing to sell their votes there will probably be persons as intense in their partisan interest as to be willing to buy. The jury, with the court, recommends by J. V. Murphy in his legal opinion will do much to effectually check, if not wholly eradicate this class of crime."

CONSUL BRYAN SAILS. Our Representative to Brazil is a Passenger on La Savoie.

On the French line steamship La Savoie, which left for Havre this morning, was Col. Charles Page Bryan, the American Minister to Brazil. Col. Bryan said that he had been here on a sixty days' leave. When asked what he thought about the Panama Canal he said he thought it would be a great help to commerce generally, and the sentiment of the people in Brazil was that it would tend to greatly develop their country.

TO SIGN DANISH TREATY. Minister Authorized to Complete the Creation of Islands.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 23.—Authority to sign the Danish West Indies treaty was this afternoon called to the Danish Minister at Washington. It is expected that the treaty will be signed to-day or to-morrow. It is understood here that it will be immediately transmitted to the Senate. Its prompt ratification is expected.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All drug stores refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Snow's signature is on each box. 25c.

DON CARLOS' SON IS DEAD AT NICE.

HEIR OF THE SPANISH PRINCE PASSES AWAY.

Prince Was Formerly an Officer in the Russian Army on Small Allowance.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—The Prince reports that Don Jaime de Bourbon, son of Don Carlos, pretender to the throne of Spain, has died at Nice. Don Jaime was the only son and heir of Don Carlos, who went to the South of France for his health some years ago. At that time it was feared that his presence there would lead to a Carlist uprising in Spain, but there was no trouble. The prince was formerly an officer in the Czar's army. He had not been economically, as his father only allowed him \$100 a year.

SWINDLER RICH BY LOWERING CHECKS.

UNIQUE METHOD HAS WORRIED WALL STREET.

Bankers and Brokers Have Lost Several Thousands by His Operations.

Bankers and brokers in Wall street have been much annoyed recently by a swindler who employed new methods of operation. He reduces checks instead of raising them. He has made about \$200 or \$300 by his operations. The man's method is to follow messenger boys to various offices. For instance, a Stock Exchange broker will sell you shares of a certain stock, perhaps ten shares at \$100 each. Each purchaser will have a check for \$100 for the seller when the messenger boys make their rounds early in the afternoon as usual. When a check is asked for the cashier sometimes, not having it ready, will shout to the boy to call again. It is believed the swindler followed several of these boys and when the latter were told to call again the swindler returned, drew out the check and the check was cashed. The swindler then would reduce the check, say for \$25.00 to \$50, which a bank would be much more likely to pay than the larger sum, especially to a stranger. Two banks are said to have been duped by the swindler and several brokers have suffered. Detectives are after the operator.

WATER FAMINE IS NOW THREATENED.

DRY SECTION FROM 34TH TO 135TH STREET.

Subway Men Are Changing the Course of Several Main, So Be Wary.

For the twelve hours beginning at 6 o'clock on Saturday afternoon there will be a shortage of water in that part of Manhattan between Thirty-fourth and One Hundred and Thirty-fifth streets. The million or so of citizens residing therein had better take notice and see that the usual Saturday evening ablutions take place on Friday night. There will be enough water to drink for the few persons in that locality afflicted with the habit, but the porcelain tub will have nothing to hide its sparkling whiteness until church time on Sunday. Then those who took the tip for Friday night will be the wise virgins and will go to morning prayer. The foolish ones will either have to bathe in a pitcher or later have their Sunday moralizing up. The persons who are building the subway are responsible. They want time to change the course of several main lines. Business success depends upon energy, ability—and Sunday World Wants.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending 8 P. M. Today, Jan. 24, for New York City and vicinity: Fair to-night; Friday partly cloudy; fresh westerly winds.