

FARM COLONIES ASKED TO DRIVE OUT THE TRAMPS

Gov. Hughes Requested to Make Recommendations to Legislature.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, Dec. 21.—Robert W. Hubbard, Commissioner of Charities; Robert W. Bruere, of the Municipal Research League; and Edmund Kelly, lawyer, a student of sociology, appealed to Gov. Hughes today to recommend in his annual message the enactment of a law for the establishment of a farm colony for tramps. This statement in support of the proposition was handed in by its promoters.

"The proposed farm colony proposed in connection with New York institutions has actually rid many countries in Europe of the tramp, and proceeds upon the simple and obvious plan of putting idle men on idle land.

"Although it is difficult to make money out of the land, it is easy to get nourishment out of it. Farm colonies, therefore, in which the agricultural element predominates, as in Switzerland, are self-supporting.

"Magistrates are unwilling to commit tramps to the workhouse, partly because they cannot easily distinguish the willing from the unwilling tramp and partly because the workhouses are overcrowded. Hence, the importance of instituting farm colonies, to which it will be a blessing, rather than a disgrace, to be committed. Thus only can the burden of the tramp be lifted off the community without expense to the State beyond that of first instalment.

"The Farm Colony bill proposed provides for the appointment by the Governor of five trustees whose duty it will be to select sites, appoint and direct principal officers and exercise a general direction over the colonies. They are to serve without compensation.

"The superintendent of each colony is to be a practical and educated farmer and the trustees are to be at liberty to secure also the services of a superintendent of a similar institution in Europe in order to profit from his practical experience. The object of the Farm Colony is to detain, reform and instruct vagrants, habitual drunkards and those guilty of a violation of section 42 of the Penal Code—the tramps, of railroad offenses, such as stealing rides on trains, obstructing tracks, &c.

"The inmates of the colony are to be instructed in agriculture, horticulture and industrial pursuits. A careful record will be kept of every individual case, of the past history of the case and of chances of character while in the colony. Such inmates as deserve compensation are to receive it, part to be paid during confinement, part to be accumulated until discharged. The buildings are to be constructed for the most part by the inmates of the colony. Escapes, attempts to escape and persistent refusal to obey the rules are punishable by State prison."

"LIVED TOO LONG," SUICIDE AT SEVENTY

Aged Lodger Kills Himself by Gas; Lonely Amid Cheer of Yuletide.

Believing himself without friends on the eve of Christmas, James W. Tyler, seventy years old, killed himself in his room at No. 124 West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, to-day by inhaling gas through a tube. He had been dead about two hours when his body was found.

The old man had been a lodger at the house only ten days. Last night he complained to several of his fellow-lodgers that his friends and relatives had tired of him because of his age and that life had nothing but sadness for him.

He had money enough to keep him in his old age, he said, but without friends or any one to show him kindness and love he preferred to die. He thought he had lived too long at it was.

Mrs. Clara Lemme, who conducts the lodging-house, notified the police of his death. She does not know any of his relatives. Several bank-books were found in his room.

MAN FOUND DYING IN TURKISH BATH

Weak Heart Barred Eberts from Steam Room and He Was Rushed to Hospital.

Benjamin P. Eberts, an advertising solicitor and writer connected with a morning newspaper, died today in St. Vincent's Hospital, following a night at the Fleischman Bath, where he was under the attendance of Dr. Birmingham.

Eberts arrived at the bath in a weakened condition and he was not permitted to enter the steam room. When it was learned that his heart action was growing weaker, he was treated and taken in a taxi to St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mr. Eberts was thirty-six years old and lived at No. 104 West Forty-ninth street. He was for a number of years connected with a racing-theoretical daily publication.

YOUTH SAVES TWO SISTERS AT HARLEM BLAZE

Young Bennow Found Both Unconscious When Fire in Home Wakened Him.

Harry Bennow, a youth of nineteen, saved his two sisters, Alice, sixteen, and Grace, fourteen, from death in flames when a fire started in his home, No. 109 East One Hundred and Sixth street, at 1 o'clock this morning.

The father and mother of the children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bennow, were away from home when the boy was awakened by smoke. He saw the dining-room and kitchen in the rear of the apartment, which is on the first floor of a five-story house, were flaming.

He found both his sisters unconscious. He dragged the youngest to the front window and passed her body across the sill. Then he dragged out the second sister.

Some men passing on the street heard the boy's calls for help and lifted the girls from the window. An alarm was sounded, and tenants in the upper floors found the hallway so filled with smoke they took to the fire escapes and roof.

Across the street from the house is the St. Cecilia Church, and adjoining the church is a home for children. The fire in the streets and in the burning house aroused the children and sisters, and there was much excitement.

The firemen came and the blaze was conquered. The loss was less than \$1,000.

STOPPED A RUNAWAY AMID 3,000 CHILDREN

Policeman Fleming Performed His Daring Feat as Pupils Thronged at Schools.

Policeman Fleming, of the Traffic Squad, stationed at the school crossing, St. Nicholas avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, sacrificed much of his uniform and a considerable portion of his cuticle in stopping a runaway, at noon to-day.

Three thousand children were pouring out of Public School No. 157 for the recess, when a big brown horse, drawing a delivery wagon, dashed up the avenue, throwing out the driver, William McDougal, of No. 310 West One Hundred and First street.

The throng of school children scattered as the runaway approached and Fleming jumped for the horse's bridle. He hung on for two blocks, sometimes on his feet, but mostly sliding on his back, with the horse plunging and struggling to continue its flight. Finally, another policeman came to Fleming's assistance, and the runaway was stopped.

Fleming was badly scratched and bruised, but not seriously hurt. The horse and wagon are owned by George Venter, of No. 248 Eighth avenue.

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SAMOANS OPPOSE GERMANS.

Threaten to Raise Our Flag and Appeal to United States.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Dec. 21.—Certain chiefs of the native tribes in German Samoa are threatening trouble. They are preparing to hoist an Independent Samoan flag when the Parliament of the islands reassembles and contemplate appealing to the United States and Great Britain to decide whether this action is justified. The chiefs consider that they lost both power and dignity when the old Samoan Parliament was dispersed and maintain that when Germany took over the islands she became their protector and nothing more. Violence is not anticipated, but the chiefs will probably offer passive resistance to the German authorities.

STERN BROTHERS

To-morrow, Tuesday Art Needlework AN EXCEPTIONALLY CHOICE COLLECTION OF IMPORTED NOVELTIES, COMPRISING TAPESTRY AND EMBROIDERED TRAYS, FRAMES, HANDKERCHIEF, GLOVE AND JEWEL BOXES.

For To-morrow HAND EMB'D CROSS STITCH TABLE COVERS, 54 x 54 ins. \$4.50 TAFFETA BOUDOIR ARTICLES Hat Stands, \$1.25 Satchel Work Boxes, \$2.95 Frames, \$1.25, 1.50 Pin & Toilet Boxes, \$1.25, 1.45 Strap Baskets, 1.45 Glove & Handkerchief Boxes, 1.25

Aprons for Holiday Gifts

Maid's Aprons, from 25c, 50c, 75c to \$3.95 Nurses' Aprons, from 38c " 2.25 Kitchen Aprons, " 30c " 1.45 Work Bag Aprons, at 1.45 Chafing Dish Aprons, " 1.35 (SECOND FLOOR)

American Made Rugs

COMPLETE ASSORTMENTS FROM THE BEST MAKERS, INCLUDING WILTON, AXMINSTER, SAXONY AND SMYRNA. To-morrow, Sale of Wilton Rugs, 9 by 12 ft, at \$26.50, 29.50 Values \$32.50 and 37.50

West Twenty-third Street

Greenhut and Company

Open Evenings Until Xmas Our holiday stocks are complete—presenting a wide variety of appropriate gifts in the better grades of merchandise, at prices that have made this house buying headquarters for discriminating shoppers. The sales advertised here are for tomorrow's selling.

Christmas Umbrellas at \$2.50 An excellent assortment of Christmas Umbrellas, selected especially for presentation purposes; artistic handles, ornamental and practical, together with a number of Novelties, all priced at a very unusual selling.

For Men and Women. Covering of all-silk twill and Union silk; 26 or 28 inch sizes. Novelty or plain handles. \$2.50

Martin's London Umbrellas for men. Walking Sticks in the prevailing styles. Main Floor—Greenhut and Company

Broadcloth Dresses Tomorrow at \$16.50

There's a bit of history that goes with this sale. What appeared to be an every day incident turned out to be, to use an old saying, "a veritable blessing in disguise."

One of our best and largest New York Dress-makers came to us about three weeks ago and asked us to take Forty-four Dresses just to try their selling quality. Said he'd made them up after one of his own original models and he believed they'd be a big seller.

To tell you the truth, we were not so optimistic, but we took the dresses. They came in at 9 A M and without a single line of advertising they went out before 4 P. M.

So we sent for the maker—wanted to give him a larger order. He couldn't get the Broadcloth—well, we'd get it for him. So we got the Broadcloth, a better quality than that in the first dresses, and he made the dresses. The first one hundred and fifty will be ready tomorrow.

Really, it seems almost incredible that a dress of this character can be sold for \$16.50—at least, we think so when we look at the dresses, and we know you will think so, too—but the fact that over a hundred of them are here dispels any doubt.

So simple, so neat, so fetchingly stylish, but withal smart, dressy and possessing those lines that give youth and grace to the figure.

It seems a waste of time to say so much about a \$16.50 Dress, but we're enthusiastic, and we like to do these remarkable things. Because no other store has ever sold a dress like this at the price.

This Dress is made of Broadcloth, semi-Empire style, can be buttoned tailored effect; long sleeve, trimmed with buttons—other down front or back; strictly the material is a sleek fish broadcloth. Fine colors, beautiful shades of Taupe, Catawba, Olive Green, Wistaria, Navy and Black, at \$16.50

Second Floor—Greenhut and Company

We Introduce the "Beau Brummel" Waistcoat for Women

Another extremely clever Parisian dress conceit—and what a genius the French have for such things! The Beau Brummel Waistcoat for women is a dress innovation that gives a racy smartness to the new gowns, and accentuates the graceful lines of the Spring development of the Directoire effect.

Its individuality and fetching character cannot be adequately described in cold type. It turns an ordinary skirt and shirtwaist into a dressy costume. You will notice by the illustration that it is fashioned in a draped vest effect from the sides and is fastened in front with a large ornamental buckle and long Directoire sashes.

In Duchesse Satin, In Bengaline Silk, taupe, catawba, navy \$9.75 navy, green, black and gray \$7.90 Smart Dress Waists. A Stunning Model in Chiffon, tucked and braided and further embellished with Irish laces in the yoke, which is outlined with messaline and hand embroidered. To be had in beautiful shades of green, gold, wistaria, Copenhagen, gray \$12.75 and black. A Handsome Waist of Crepe de Chine, entirely tucked, with yoke of fine embroidered net combined with Irish insertions. To be had in black and all the new shades. Special \$17.50 Second Floor—Greenhut and Company

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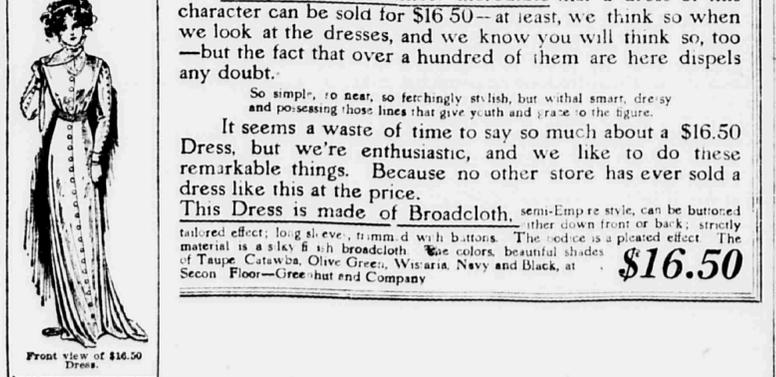
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Bloomingdales ALL CARS TRANSFER TO LEXINGTON TO 3RD AVE 59TH TO 60TH ST. Free Transfers—Our Agent at 59th St. and Lex. Ave. will hand you one. Use it as 5c in cash on a \$1 purchase at our store, that makes it just the same as though... The Last Call! The Last 3 Days of Our Great Xmas Sale of \$450 Walters Louis XV. Concert Grand Upright Pianos, Music Cabinet, Chair and Cover for \$225 and all you need pay for it is \$5 Down and Thereafter Only \$1 a Week No Interest; No Insurance and No Extras whatever—\$225—that's all. Upon first payment of \$5 we deliver the piano to your home. We Also Offer the Following Celebrated Pianos We guarantee you a saving of from 40 per cent. to 60 per cent. in this great sale, besides the best piano investment you can make. Think of it! One can buy the finest Walters Pianos by paying \$5 Down and \$1 Per Week \$375 Style A Walters Pianos, \$198 \$475 Style C Walters Pianos, \$240 \$600 Style K Walters Pianos, \$300 \$500 Style L Walters Pianos, \$250 \$650 Style F Walters Pianos, \$325 \$550 Style D Walters Pianos, \$260 \$750 Style R Walters Pianos, \$375 \$700 Walters Colonial, \$350 \$750 Walters Vertical Grand, \$375 \$800 Walters Premiere, \$400 \$1,000 Walters Baby Grand, \$575 \$900 Walters Mastertone Player Piano Outfits, \$450 Finest player piano made, with 12 rolls of music, cabinet and scarf. Beware of Piano Frauds! Don't buy a piano unless it bears the maker's name. It is extremely dangerous to purchase a piano masquerading under a false name. Miscellaneous Pianos is the commonest form of piano fraud. It consists in labeling by stencil a cheap piano with a name resembling a good one, but in reality it is made of inferior material and is manufactured for the dealer for that purpose, and in a short time the piano becomes perfectly useless. Caution! Don't buy a second-hand piano at any price, for they are worthless—otherwise people would not part with them. Upon Request a representative will call. Our Exchange System places you in a position to exchange your old piano for one of these beautiful Walters Pianos. We will take your old piano in part payment and give you the balance of the new piano at \$1 a week. Come to-morrow sure, and make a selection, so you will not be disappointed in securing the greatest Piano Value in the world. Sale ends Thursday Eve. Third Floor.



\$30,000 AUTO FIRE. BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Fire yesterday destroyed a one-story building in Beason street, owned by O'Brien Brothers, of Brookline, and occupied by the garage of H. Gavel. Ten automobiles valued at about \$30,000 were burned. Fire started while Mr. Gavel was sitting in an automobile tank with gasoline in a can. Mr. Gavel was badly burned about the legs.

ALL CARS TRANSFER TO BLOOMINGDALES, Lex. to 3d Ave., 59th to 60th St.

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