THE BASEBALL WRANGLE.

JOHNSON MAKES ANOTHER OFFER.

IT WILL PROBABLY BE DECLINED LIKE HIS FORMER ONE—THE SIGNING OF PLAYERS.

The rumor yesterday that a conference would be held here to settle the baseball troubles in Cleveland served to attract the Players' League men in the city to the neighborhood of the Hoffman House and the St. James Hotel. The conference was to be held between A. L. Johnson and A. G. Spalding, and when it was learned that Spalding had started for Philadelphia early in the day much relief was expressed by the followers of the Players' League, especially those from Boston and Philadelphia. While Messrs. Linton, Wagner and Irwin were giving their opinions about 2 p. m. at the St. James Hotel, A. L. Johnson appeared at the door and then hastily withdrew, evidently embarrassed. Nobody spoke.

Johnson was flushed, and seemed determined to evade queries, but finally acknowledged that he had had a conference with several National League club owners. He further admitted that he had made the League a proposition to sell out, and said that he had stipulated that he was to get an answer by Saturday. He refused to say what monetary consideration he had demanded for his retirement from baseball. It thus appears that the stories that the remaining Players' League clubs would stand or fall together are mere fallacies. Everybody is getting under cover as quickly as possible with the exception of the Boston Players' Club, which so far has seen no cover to get under.

The conference was held about noon yesterday at A. G. Spalding's office, No. 240 Broadway, and the following delegates were present: F. de H. Robison, of the Cleveland League Club; A. L. Johnson, of the Cleveland Players' League Club; F. B. Robinson, of the New-York Players' Club; C. H. Byrne, of the Brooklyn League Club, and J. W. Spalding, of the Chicago Club. A. G. Spalding had been misinformed as to the meeting and had started for Philadelphia earlier in the day. He telegraphed back to the League men, however, to hear Johnson's proposition and then turn it over to the League conference committee.

Johnson's proposition was in writing and the matter covered one sheet of foolscap paper. In it he agreed to abandon baseball in Cleveland and to relinquish his stock and holdings in the Cincinnati Club for a stipulated sum. The delegates refused to reveal the exact amount, but it was learned from an authentic source that the figures were $32,500. Johnson's interests in the Cincinnati Club are $3,500 paid in cash, and his note for $4,000 more. This would give Johnson $25,000 for his evacuation of Cleveland. Johnson's first offer, made several days ago, was $40,000. The League refused to accept that figure, and offered Johnson $29,000, which was in turn refused.

Johnson claims to have invested more money in the Players' League last season than any other one man, the amount being $46,000. All of that sum came out of the ex-car-conductor's own pocket, and he is naturally anxious to retrieve as largely as possible. From interviews held with several National League men last night, it seems highly improbable that the League will accept this last offer of Johnson's. The League men say that they are tired of the "dilly dallyings" which have cropped up regularly to stop negotiations for peace. They declare that the League has by far the best of the situation, and that those who have refused to compromise on equitable terms will have to look out for themselves. They say that they made Johnson a fair proposition, which he refused, and that now they are not nearly as solicitous over the welfare of the "grandmother" of the Players' League as they were before.

Johnson's boast that the players of the country look upon him as their friend causes little uneasiness in the League camp. "Nobody need worry about the players," said a League club-owner last night. "They will be well cared for and they know it. They may hold off for a time with the hope of getting larger salaries, but that is all. The League will not make any general effort to sign players for the present. If any players are signed between now and the middle of February it will be done at the players' own solicitation."

President Byrne, who is one of the League committee, submitted Johnson's proposition to John B. Day, and it was then mailed to A. G. Spalding. Mr. Spalding will either see Mr. Johnson in Cleveland or in Chicago in a few days. Messrs. Byrne and Day refused to express any opinion upon Johnson's proposition, saying that it would have to come before the committee as a whole before any answer could be given. Johnson, however, will probably have to make another proposition.

Arthur A. Irwin left the city for Boston last night and he will have a sad tale of woe for his bean-eating brethren. Irwin said that the players had not lost faith in the Brotherhood and that if necessary the men would sign contracts for next year calling for one-half the salary they received last season. He ridiculed the idea that any clubs had been consolidated except in New-York City. He said that he was positive that not a paper had been signed in either Pittsburg, Chicago or Brooklyn. Irwin's destination for next season is decidedly vague.

Efforts are being made by the Pittsburg Club to secure the services of Ward and Pfeffer for next season. The deal will go through unless the players themselves object. J. Palmer O'Neill has had several conferences with John B. Day and A. G. Spalding lately and they will offer no objection to the transfer of those players. The National League will not demand the return of all its old players, but the American Association will.

Director Hinton, of the Brooklyn Players' Club, is said to be the only one opposed to the consolidation of the two clubs in Brooklyn. When asked yesterday how the situation was in Brooklyn, Mr. Hinton tersely said: "Chaos." Each faction wishes to buy out its rival and either club is willing to sell, providing the price is large enough.

TROUBLED PLAYERS IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Nov. 19 (Special).—A. G. Spalding's arrival here to-day stirred up the local baseball men. Both factions agree that Mr. Spalding is the one man who can satisfactorily settle the baseball differences in this city. The Players' League men are satisfied to take an American Association franchise for their club and will probably make application for the franchise to the American Association at its meeting at Louisville next week.

A meeting of the old directors of the Athletic Club was held last night. The directors say their club is not dead and elected G. Morrison Taylor as a delegate to the Louisville convention to represent the Athletic Club. From the expressions of some of the old stockholders they regard the Players' League's efforts to become financially interested in the Athletic Club as a piece of impertinence on the part of the Wagner brothers.

WHAT ATHLETES ARE PLANNING.

The fact that the Staten Island Athletic Club has engaged to give a three nights' carnival of various athletic sports at Madison Square Garden, on December 11, 12 and 13, has to some extent surprised the public, but as the Staten Island Athletic Club has already successfully carried out four big Labor Day celebrations, each of which were as expensive and more complicated than the coming meeting will be, it is safe to predict that the new departure will be a success. The committee in charge of the meeting is composed of Vice-President John W. Edwards, chairman; George M. Mackeller, and Frederick W. Janssen. An effort is being made to have Troop A, of this city, give an exhibition drill at the meeting. As a number of the cavalry men are members of the Staten Island Athletic Club, this feature may be added to the already fine programme. M. Remington, of the Manhattan Athletic Club, has consented to run any one a 440-yard match race at this meeting.

The Xavier Boat Club will give the first of a series of entertainments on Tuesday evening, at the College Theatre, No. 30 West Sixteenth-st.

ELECTING MORE PRINCETON ATHLETES.

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 19 (Special).—The Manhattan Athletic Club has elected to its membership two more Princeton athletes, Theodore B. Turner, '93, and John C. Matter, '91. Turner is at present the champion mile runner of the college. Matter has made a record for himself at lacrosse and in the cross-country runs held last year.

WILL ATTEND THE BROOKLYN GAME.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 19.—With a view to improving the rules of the Ontario Rugby Football Union, the executive officer has requested the secretary to attend the final intercollegiate game to be played shortly at Brooklyn, N. Y.

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FUNDS FOR METHODIST HOME MISSIONS.

APPROPRIATIONS AGREED TO BY THE GENERAL COMMITTEE IN BOSTON.

Boston, Nov. 19 (Special).—The interest in the meetings of the general committee is failing rapidly. The members are quietly getting away. When the roll was called this morning eight bishops failed to respond to their names, although three of the absentees subsequently appeared. Several other members of the body requested to be excused on the ground of pressing engagements elsewhere, and when the last vote was taken this evening there were seventeen absentees all told.

The appropriations which were made last night were reviewed, and after being amended stood as follows: For Chinese work—In the California Conference, $7,800; in New-York, $1,000; in Oregon, $500; total for Chinese work in the United States, $9,300; decrease, $200; Japanese work, $7,000, to be administered by the California Conference, of which $2,000 are for work in the Sandwich Islands; Italian work—In Louisiana, $700; in New-York, $1,000; total, $1,700; various foreign populations in Philadelphia, $2,000; total for foreigners in America, $147,417. A resolution was passed asking the Church to raise $1,250,000 during the year 1891, and requesting that a special missionary meeting be held and a collection taken on Easter Day in all the Methodist Sunday-schools throughout the world.

The following supplementary appropriations were made to foreign missions under a second call: South America—Transit, $1,000; property, $5,000; mission indebtedness, $2,500; Italy—Property, $2,500; interest, $740; Japan—Church at Yokohama, $5,000; at Tokio, $1,000; Central China—For outgoing missionary, $500; total additional for foreign missions, $21,740.

The following appropriations were made for work: American Indians—In Central New-York, Onondagas, $500; Oneidas, $402; Columbia River, $1,069; Detroit, $624; Genesee, $600; Michigan, $624; Puget Sound, $357; Wisconsin, $300; Northern New-York, $624; total for American Indians, $5,298; increase, $698; for work in conferences, Detroit, $5,000; East Maine, $2,000; Michigan, $4,500; New-Hampshire, $1,200; Wilmington (in Virginia), $800; Wilmington (in Maryland), $500; Wisconsin, $4,500; West Wisconsin, $4,150; Vermont, $1,200; Northern New-York, $1,200; total, $25,050; increase, $1,800; for work in Western conferences, Black Hills, $6,000; Dakota, $11,375; Kansas, $1,800; Minnesota, $9,300; Nebraska, $2,800; North Nebraska, $5,800; North Dakota, $10,375; Northwest Iowa, $3,300; Northwest Kansas, $7,000; South Kansas, $2,250; Southwest Kansas, $6,000; West Nebraska, $9,500; Indian Territory and Oklahoma, $6,000; total, $81,500, increase, $2,975; for work among the whites in the Southern conferences: Alabama, $3,500; Arkansas, $6,000; Austin, $5,000; Blue Ridge, $4,500; Central Tennessee, $3,700; Georgia, $3,250; Halston, $4,400; Kentucky, $5,500; Missouri, $4,000; St. John's River, $3,500; St. Louis, $5,500; Virginia, $4,500; West Virginia, $5,500; total, $58,850; decrease, $2,250.

The committee determined to conclude to-night and an evening session was ordered.

ESCAPED FROM THE MAHDISTS' HANDS.

The Italian papers report the arrival at Verona of a nun, Sister Maria Caprini, who was made a prisoner by the Mahdi in 1882, and who succeeded in escaping from the Soudan a few weeks ago. Sister Caprini, soon after having taken the veil, had been sent to the southern provinces of Egypt and had stopped at El Obeid with several of her companions and missionary monks. On January 15, 1883, the Madhi, having defeated the army of Reouf Pacha, composed of 8,000 men, twenty-seven of whom only escaped alive, appeared before the walls of El Obeid. The city was captured, after four months and a half of siege operations; the 3,500 Egyptians who surrendered were massacred in cold blood and the inhabitants driven away. Sister Caprini and her companions were thrown into a prison and suffered terribly. One day the Madhi, angered by their refusal to embrace the Moslem religion, ordered that they should be taken from prison and beheaded. Fortunately he changed his mind, and sent them back to the "zeriba" or jail enclosure, but only after their dresses and clothing had been taken from them. Two sisters and one missionary died soon after from want and ill-treatment. During eight years the prisoners were in the hands of the Soudanese. But, two years after the death of the Madhi, they were assisted in escaping by some native Christians. They painted their faces black, so as to look like Africans, travelled rapidly during many nights, sometimes sailing down the Bahr el Abiad, and at other times crossing the forest near the river. Finally, they reached Berber, and thence the British and Egyptian advanced posts. Sister Caprini on her arrival at Alexandria embarked on a steamer bound for Italy. She has gone to Verona to visit her mother and brother, who had given up all hope of ever seeing her again. In spite of the torments she has already suffered, Sister Caprini enjoys very good health and she intends to return soon to the African Missions.

THE BEDFORD STREET CHURCH JUBILEE.

There have been a series of "jubilee" services, this week, in the Bedford Street Methodist Episcopal Church, to commemorate the semi-centennial of the dedication of the present church edifice. Yesterday was their "Golden Wedding Day," and was observed with special services. In the afternoon the Rev. Seymour Van Dusen presided, and the Rev. W. C. Smith offered prayer. After some children had been baptized, the Rev. S. A. Seaman read a brief history of the church. The Rev. Dr. George Lansing Taylor then read a historical poem, of his own composition, which he called "Zion's Golden Wedding." Congratulatory addresses by the following ministers followed: Dr. A. D. Vail, Dr. George P. Mains, Dr. Charles R. Barnes, Dr. Charles S. Rogers, Dr. J. J. Brouner, Dr. George J. Mingins. The presentation and reception of a portrait of Mrs. Joanna DeGroot was then made by Mrs. E. Frances Lord and Mrs. Mary Knox Robinson. The exercises closed with a "consecration service," led by the Rev. John Parker.

HEAVY ARRIVALS OF HOME-MADE SUGAR.

Louisiana furnished yesterday a liberal assurance of her unusually large sugar crop of this year. The receipts from New-Orleans were 8,618 barrels; 6,600 of which were for this city, the rest for Philadelphia. This is the largest quantity of sugar, ready for use, that has arrived here certainly since the war. It is reported that 18,000 to 20,000 barrels are expected to come here during the next few weeks, extra New-Orleans steamers having been put on to hasten transportation. This domestic production will be an important feature in the trade for a time, as city-refined foreign sugar cannot well compete with it, especially with the slack demand that has prevailed for several weeks.

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FISH AND GAME LAWS.

HEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION OF REVISION.

A PROTEST FROM THE POUND NET FISHERMEN AND PLEAS FROM THE GAME PROTECTORS.

Albany, Nov. 19.—The Commission now engaged in revising and codifying the fish and game laws of this State met at 10 o'clock this morning and gave a final hearing to those interested in the work.

Commissioner in Lunacy Henry A. Reeves said that on behalf of the net fishermen of Suffolk County he wanted to say that the restriction which the Commission desires to attach to net fishing in Peconic and Gardiner Bays is not acceptable to them, and would inflict upon them great loss and injury. The basis of this restriction is a mistaken opinion that fish in entering these bays from the outer ocean follow the shore and are necessarily stopped by the pound nets, which extend out from the shore great or less distances. Some fish, no doubt, do move along the shore, but the greater body of fish that resort to these bays come and go independent of any human influence, and all the facts of long experience in the use of pound nets, going back for some thirty-five years, clearly prove that the pound nets have had little or nothing to do with the question of scarcity or abundance of fish. It is admitted that the years 1889 and 1890 have been memorable for the unexcelled abundance of all the species of fish commonly found in those bays. If the pounds actually stop fish from coming up the bay they should certainly have done so last year and this year, for during those two years there were more pounds set than ever before. Spawn fish are rarely found among them. In fact, speaking of weakfish, bluefish and striped bass, the principal kinds sent to market, there is no evidence that any considerable number of them spawn in the bays. The fishermen believe that these fish do not spawn in the bays at all. Of all the varieties of fish taken in pounds in these bays there is no evidence and no reason to believe that any particular period can be defined as the "spawning season."

Mr. Robbins, a fisherman of twenty years' experience in Suffolk County, followed Mr. Reeves, speaking in the same strain.

Mr. Burden, a State game and fish protector, favored the amendment to the laws restricting net fishing at the mouths of rivers.

Ex-Assemblyman Towne said the people on the shore of Lake Erie from Erie and Chautauqua counties advocate the amendment of the present law, which limits the size of the meshes used in gill nets to four and one-half inches. He stated also that they wanted the prohibition of pound-net fishing in Lake Erie removed, as such nets are lawfully in general use in other State waters. He asserted that by reason of the Lake Erie fishermen in this State being restricted to the use of so large a mesh they cannot successfully compete with fishermen engaged with nets of smaller meshes in waters of the same lake lying adjacent to Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and the Province of Ontario.

Charles M. Clark, representing the Buffalo Fish Company and Lake Ontario fishermen, favored the arguments advocated by Mr. Towne.

Mr. Burden again spoke asking for the proper protection of the waters of the Delaware River in order to prevent the netting of shad and bass. He advised the passage of an act making it unlawful to capture salmon in the Hudson River under three pounds in weight and compelling fishermen to take up their nets for one day a week at least in order to give the shad an opportunity to get up the Hudson to spawn. He thought the use of seines at the mouth of the Croton River, now so prevalent, should be stopped.

Mr. Kellogg, attorney for the St. Lawrence Anglers' Club, said that from his experience, obtained in trying to enforce the law, he had concluded that the fine against netting should be raised from $25 to $100, and that the fine for the illegal killing of deer should also be raised. He thought the penalty for using dynamite should be three times as great as that for any other illegal fishing. He favored the passage of a law prescribing a heavy penalty for any person who has a hound in his possession in the prescribed territory during the close deer season.

Commissioners Sherman and Whitaker said they would favor such a law if it were shown to be practicable.

Charles M. Clark, of Suffolk County, thought it would be advisable to make the laws in Kings, Queens and Suffolk counties uniform in regard to the killing of upland game birds. He favored making the open season in those counties from October 20 to January 1. He also favored prohibition of the shooting of bay birds or, if this be not deemed advisable the making of the open season from July 1 to January 1, and prohibition of all deer shooting for ten years. He spoke of the destruction of ducks in Shinnecock Bay by fishermen using large mesh nets. He thought this slaughter should be stopped by prohibiting the use of large mesh nets or by stopping the use of nets in the bay during the month of October and thereafter for a suitable period of time. He favored an amendment to the game laws prohibiting duck-shooting in the spring.

THE STATE'S FOREST LANDS.

Albany, Nov. 19 (Special).—The Forestry Commissioners are of the opinion that the forest dominions of the State elsewhere as well as in the Adirondacks should be extended. The State owns a good many thousands of acres in the Catskill Mountains; some of the land is devoted to a deer park. Commissioner Townsend Cox is delighted over the results already obtained in the deer park, and will have introduced in the next Legislature, he says, a bill making it a misdemeanor to kill a deer in the Catskill region within five years, punishable by a fine of $100 or imprisonment for one year. Mr. Cox is not only looking for an extension of the Catskill Park, but also to the establishment of one on the Helderbergs. He is anxious to have one there, as it will make a continuous strip of wild land for game over 100 miles long and twenty-five miles wide, extending to the Pennsylvania State line. In this area the State now owns 80,000 acres. Mr. Cox says that if the owners of mountain land on the Helderbergs will turn it over to the State, he will work for the creation of a park there for deer and game. Mr. Cox says that the State owns a large block of primeval land in the Catskills which is especially valuable for the propagation of game. Well-stocked trout streams run through it and there is plenty of food for game on it.

NAHAN FRANKO, THE VIOLINIST, HELD.

Justice Smith at the Tombs Police Court yesterday handed down his decision in the libel case of Victor Fletcher against Nahan Franko, the violinist. Franko was held in $500 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury. Franko, who is first violinist in Theodore Thomas's orchestra, composed and mailed to the editors of a number of newspapers a long letter, in which, after making a number of reflections on Fletcher's character as a dealer in musical instruments, alleged that he was in a position to prove not only that Fletcher made nearly all his violins, including the old Italian ones, himself, and conducted a swindling business, but that he was a usurer of the worst sort, having in one instance charged no less than 1,000 per cent for the loan of a small sum of money to a musician who was in temporary distress.

Franko's counsel, David Newberger, tried to prove that his client never wrote the letter. In the course of the trial both sides introduced the testimony of many well-known musicians, and at each hearing of the case other musicians not witnesses, but interested in the outcome of the case, were present

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SHE WILL WELCOME THE VISITING BRAZILIAN MEN-OF-WAR.

The flagship Philadelphia, of the North Atlantic Squadron, will probably be delayed here for at least two or three weeks, notwithstanding that Rear-Admiral Gherardi is anxious to get away on his winter's cruise among the West Indies. The vessel was "winded" around at the Ordnance Dock at the Navy Yard yesterday, to take off the disabled gun-carriages. When the Philadelphia made her ocean steam test two weeks ago, during the firing of the six-inch guns, which are mounted on central pivot gravity return carriages, designed by the Bureau of Ordnance and cast by the Standard Steel Works, cracks appeared in the piston-rod lugs of two of the starboard guns and of one of the port guns. The cracks are known as "heat cracks" to foundrymen. That these were known of before the guns were mounted on the ship is evident from the fact that they are shown to have been calked over and sal-ammoniac was rubbed in. This rusted the steel effectually, and concealed the defects until the shock and strain of firing opened them. The carriages are cast in one piece, and it is difficult to see how the defects can be remedied. They will be sent to Annapolis to be tested on the proving-grounds.

It is probable that the present defective air-pumps will be repaired for temporary service, and that the proposed new air-pumps will not be put in until after the vessel returns from the West Indies. Before she sails, however, it is likely that an evaporater will be put into the engine-room, as one is much needed. The Philadelphia will leave the Yard to-morrow and go to an anchorage in the North River, where she will remain until the arrival of the Brazilian cruisers Aquidaban and Guanabara, when Rear-Admiral Gherardi will officially receive Admiral de Silviera, and extend to him the courtesies of the Nation and the invitation of the President to visit Washington. The two foreign ships will be escorted from Sandy Hook to an anchorage in the North River.

A MONSTER PETITION TO THE CZAR.

The New-York Bureau of the Siberian Exile Petition Association has been established. Its object is to procure, by organized action, signatures to the monster petition to the Czar of Russia, in aid of the political exiles in Siberia. Among its vice-presidents and members are the Rev. Dr. Henry Mottet, the Rev. Dr. Henry Y. Satterlee, the Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer, the Rev. Dr. William M. Taylor, the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Eaton, the Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Ducey, the Rev. Dr. Arthur Brooks, the Rev. Dr. David H. Greer, Dr. Felix Adler, General Wager Swayne, Mrs. William G. Choate, Dr. H. Marion Sims, Miss M. A. Stimson, Raymond S. Perrin, Mrs. Henry P. Loomis, Mrs. Edward H. Lauterbach, Nelson Cross, Mrs. Vincenzo Botta, ex-Judge Noah Davis, Judge Roger A. Pryor, Mrs. John Erving, C. C. Buel, Dr. William Tod Helmuth, Jacob H. Schiff, Miss Josephine E. Hodgdon, the Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, Dr. H. M. Leipziger, the Rev. William R. Huntington, the Rev. E. Winchester Donald, the Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby, Monsignor Preston (Vicar-General), the Rev. R. Heber Newton, the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, the Rev. William Lloyd, the Rev. E. Walpolé Warren, Professor J. H. Wyeth, Miss Lucia Purdy, Mrs. Clarence E. Beebe, Y. W. C. A., Dr. Titus Munson Coan, Mrs. George Place, Henry A. Oakley, Dr. Egbert H. Guernsey, Mrs. Clara Williams, Dr. C. C. Howard, Cleveland H. Dodge, Mrs. F. C. Moore, Mrs. Roger A. Pryor, Miss Marguerite Merrington, Brander Matthews, R. W. Gilder, Mrs. Isabella Meredith, Mrs. Annie Nathan Meyer, R. Fulton Cutting, Mrs. Thomas F. Clark.

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TO SUE MR. AND MRS. BATEMAN.

Madame Louise Lachat, the maid who was recently accused of stealing Mrs. A. E. Bateman's diamonds, yesterday visited the office of her counsel, Charles W. Brooke, and had a long consultation with him. As the result of this visit, Mr. Brooke has decided to bring suit for malicious prosecution against Mr. and Mrs. Bateman, and will place the damages at $10,000. "I have heard the woman's story," he said, "and it bears the impress of truth in every particular. The alleged release which she was deluded into signing will not hold good for a moment—first because she did not know the language and was ignorant of its contents, and second because a release had already been granted to her by the Grand Jury."

District-Attorney Fellows said yesterday that no one had made a complaint to him against Detective Titus, who, it is said, forced the maid to sign the paper when she did not know what its contents were. If a charge was made he would take action.

ALL ITS EIGHTEEN CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

The forty-fourth annual convention of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity began yesterday in the Masonic Temple at 10 a. m. with a business meeting. The secretary, Frederick Carter, of Yale, presided. The society, founded at Union College, has now eighteen active chapters at the following institutions: Brown University, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tufts, Bowdoin, Yale, Amherst, Dartmouth, Rensselaer, Polytechnic Institute, College of the City of New-York, Columbia, Hamilton, Hobart, Lafayette, Lehigh University, University of Michigan, Cornell and Dickinson. Delegates from all these chapters were present yesterday. The business meetings will continue to-day and Friday, the convention closing with a dinner at the Brunswick on Friday at 8 o'clock, at which William L. Stone, an alumnus of the Brown chapter, will be the principal speaker.

THE SAFETY OF THE OLD CROTON DAM.

The Aqueduct Commissioners received a joint report yesterday from Chief Engineers Fteley, Birdsall and McLean, which declared the entire safety of the old Croton Dam. The report had been prepared in compliance with a request of the Commission, the stability of the dam having been questioned. Chief Engineer Fteley added a supplement to the report, suggesting that in view of the magnitude of the interests at stake another dam ought to be built below the Croton Dam, not only to provide against the possibilities of accident, but to store the product of the water shed. The subject will be considered at the next meeting of the Commission.

MANY SAY HE SWINDLED THEM.

The examination in the case of Charles J. Lord, the treasurer and secretary of the Granite State Provident Association, a building and loan concern which led a checkered career in this city and is now defunct, came up at the Tombs Police Court yesterday. Lord was arrested on complaint of Otto Menzel, a barber of the Grand Union Hotel, who says he was swindled of $325 on the false representations made by Lord and others of the Granite State Company. About twenty-five witnesses who say they were swindled by the officers of the company were ready to testify against Lord. The hearing will go on next Tuesday.

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SUGAR TRUST PEOPLE NOT YET AGREED.

JUDGE PRATT TELLS THEM NOT TO WASTE SO MUCH TIME IN ARGUING MOTIONS.

Matters relating to the Sugar Trust came up again yesterday before Judge Pratt in the Supreme Court, in Brooklyn, when counsel for the trustees moved to vacate the interlocutory decree entered on Saturday in the suit begun by Duncan Cameron against the trustees. The motion was made on the ground that the trustees had no notice of the application for judgment and that the provisions of the decree were wrong, and the time to answer had not expired. Argument was made by John E. Parsons, E. M. Shepard and Elihu Root. In reply John L. Hill defended the decree, saying it had been rightfully entered and gave the plaintiffs the relief they asked, namely, the right to account and to be discharged.

Mr. Root held that in the suit of Receiver Gray, of the North River Refining Company, an injunction had been granted restraining any legal proceedings and the hearing had been set down for Monday. Judge Pratt said that he regarded the decree as in the interest of immediate and honest reorganization. If it could be shown that it was prejudiced to reorganization he would vacate it at once. Mr. Parsons declined to go into that matter, and the judge said, further: "I signed this decree after careful consideration. My object was to protect every one. It seems strange that counsel cannot get together and make plans for reorganization and close everything up at once instead of coming into court and wasting time on motions."

Mr. Root said that this could not be done when decrees were entered without motion. Decision was reserved.

CONTESTING RAY HAMILTON'S WILL.

Objections were filed yesterday to the probate of the will of Robert Ray Hamilton by Charles W. Fuller on behalf of Evangeline L. Hamilton, the alleged widow of the testator. The case was placed upon the contested will calendar, and it will come up before the Surrogate on December 2. The counsel representing all the parties interested were in court. John C. O'Connor represented the executor, Gilbert M. Spier, jr.; Sherman W. Knevals appeared for Edmund L. Baylies, the guardian of the baby, Beatrice; and Henry L. Sprague for Schuyler Hamilton, jr., Robert Ray Hamilton's brother. The grounds for the contest, as contained in the objections filed, are that the testator was not of sound mind, memory and understanding, and that while executing the will "he was under the controlling will of one or more persons, by whom he was unduly influenced or coerced into the making and execution of said paper and disposition of property therein contained, and deprived of free, unrestrained and independent action."

SETTLING A DISPUTE OVER A WILL.

The contest over the will of Mark M. Stanfield has been finally withdrawn and the contestants have compromised the matter. Nearly the whole estate, which is said to be worth between $200,000 and $300,000, was bequeathed to Douglas M. Stanfield, a grandson of the testator. The three sons, Henry R., George O. and Hugh M., each received a small amount. They contested the will and the terms of the settlement are that they shall receive, in addition to the bequests made in the will, the sum of $50,000, which is to be divided equally among them.

AIRBRAKE COMPANIES IN LITIGATION.

The Westinghouse Airbrake Company, of Wilmerding, Penn., brought two suits yesterday in the United States Circuit Court against the New-York Air-Brake Company for alleged infringements of patents. The inventions in question are railway fluid-pressure brake apparatus and air valves for power brakes, and were made, it is alleged, by Harvey S. Park, George Westinghouse, jr., and Henry Herman Westinghouse. Damages and an injunction to prevent the further use of the patents by the defendant are asked.

ANOTHER STEP IN THE TILDEN WILL FIGHT.

The General Term of the Supreme Court yesterday formally passed upon the Tilden will case so that the proceedings would be regular and the case could be taken to the Court of Appeals. The court followed its former decision, holding that the famous trust clause was invalid.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The proceedings in the Supreme Court of the United States to-day were as follows:

No. 1,194—Alfred B. Mullett, appellant, agt. the United States. Suggestion of death of appellant and appearance of administratrix filed and entered.

No. 1,332—John Graham, plaintiff in error, agt. George Weeks, Warden, etc. Motion to advance submitted.

No. 89—The New American File Company, apellant, agt. the Nicholson File Company. Dismissed per stipulation.

No. 80—The Montana Railway Company, plaintiff in error, agt. Charles S. Warren et al. Argument ended.

No. 82—Lewis E. Waterman, appellant, agt. James A. Mackenzie et al. Argued.

No. 84—Edwin A. Merritt, collector, etc., plaintiff in error, agt. Donald Cameron et al. Argument begun.

The day call for Thursday, November 20, will be as follows: Nos. 84, 86 (and 255), 1,195, 1,237, 1,508, 758 (and 764), 87 (and 88), 90, 91 and 92.

COURT CALENDARS FOR TO-DAY.

Supreme Court—General Term—Before Van Brunt, P. J., Bartlett and Barrett, JJ.—Nos. 96, 100, 57, 69, 75, 77, 98, 105.

Supreme Court—Chambers—Before O'Brien, J.—Motion calendar, Nos. 1 to 37, called at 11 o'clock.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part I—Before Patterson, J.—Nos. 796, 795, 880, 1001, 1003, 1007, 887, 960, 902, 249, 1346, 685, 823, 834, 838, 854, 911, 995, 78, 1008, 180, 1756, 603, 1049, 1035.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part II—Before Lawrence, J.—Case on, Everest vs. Beekman. No calendar.

Supreme Court—Circuit—Part I—Before Andrews, J.—Case on, Dale vs. Nowell. No calendar.

Supreme Court—Circuit—Part II—Before Beach, J.—Case on, Mayor, etc., vs. Mott. No calendar.

Supreme Court—Circuit—Part III—Before Ingraham, J.—Nos. 4019, 1192.

Supreme Court—Circuit—Part IV—Before Smith, J.—Nos. 3285, 3287, 3288, 2271, 2300, 3018, 2297, 2287, 744.

Surrogate's Court—Before Ransom, S.—Wills of Thomas Monroe and Henrietta Pinckney, 10:30 a. m. For probate: Wills of Thomas Monaghan, Dion Boucicault, F. F. Russell and M. A. Pease, 10 a. m.; F. Gourgon, Annie Reilly, Rebecca Bradford, H. C. Reed and M. E. Appleby, 10:30 a. m.

Superior Court—Special Term—Before Freedman, J.—No. 530.

Superior Court—Equity Term—Before Truax, J.—Nos. 140, 145, 119, 120, 580.

Superior Court—Trial Term—Part I—Before Dugro, J.—Case on, Miner vs. Leavitt. No calendar.

Superior Court—Trial Term—Part II—Adjourned for the term.

Superior Court—Trial Term—Part III—Before O'Gorman, J.—Nos. 458, 891, 893, 874, 961, 930, 935, 878, 936, 766, 856, 670.

Common Pleas—General Term—Before Daly, C. J., Bischoff and Pryor, JJ.—Adjourned until December 1, 1890.

Common Pleas—Special Term—Before Bookstaver, J.—Motions.

Common Pleas—Trial Term—Part I—Before Allen, J.—Nos. 352, 356, 133, 18, 350, 409, 444, 371, 380, 430, 389, 406, 407, 287, 11, 453, 358, 294, 349, 382, 17, 1, 2, 445, 293, 373, 317, 5, 338, 45.

Common Pleas—Trial Term—Part II—Adjourned for the term.

City Court—Special Term—Before Giegerich, J.—Motions.

City Court—Trial Term—Part I—Before Fitzsimons, J.—Nos. 55, 3581, 1226, 1287, 1557, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1585, 1586, 1587, 1588, 1589, 1590.

City Court—Trial Term—Part II—Before McGown, J.—Nos. 1462, 1282, 829, 1425, 1374, 1388, 1515.

City Court—Trial Term—Part III—Before Van Wyck, J.—Nos. 1364, 3325, 538, 1313, 1235, 1236, 459, 1829, 446, 542, 2703, 1307.

City Court—Trial Term—Part IV—Special calendar.

Court of General Sessions—Part I—Before Fitzgerald, J. and Assistant District-Attorney Goff—Nos. 1 to 15, inclusive.

Court of General Sessions—Part II—Before Cowing, J., and Assistant District-Attorney Jerome—Nos. 1 to 11, inclusive.

Court of General Sessions—Part III—Before Smyth, R., and Assistant District-Attorney Parker—No. 1.

ALDERMAN CURRY WILL MAKE NO CONTEST.

The experts in figures, with John D. Outwater at their head, are hard at work on the tabulations and footings of the election returns, and expect to be ready for the official announcement of the result at 1:30 p. m. to-day. The Committee on Corrected Returns have decided that they have nothing to do with the contest in the XXIst Assembly District, and will so report. The Assembly itself has exclusive jurisdiction in all matters involving the qualifications of its members. Alderman Curry said yesterday that he would make no contest against Alderman-elect Kunzemann in the XIVth District. No protest has been filed. Kunzemann's