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YONKERS.

SUCCESS AND GROWTH OF THE PARK HILL COUNTRY CLUB.

LENTEN ENTERTAINMENTS TO BEGIN NEXT FRIDAY—HELPING THE MATERNITY HOME—OTHER NOTES.

The development of the Park Hill Country Club during the last season has been more successful than was looked for. It began with a modest clubhouse two years ago, which it has now all but outgrown. Only last year the members were urging their friends to join the club, in order to raise sufficient funds to keep the house open all the time and provide needed attendants. Then it was simply the Park Hill Country Club, a local Yonkers institution. To-day, while holding its own home, it is attracting members from the Yonkers Lawn Tennis Club and from New-York City. This is due to the change made last summer, when the association membership was discontinued, and a non-resident membership was created. Its entertainments draw many guests from New-York City, Brooklyn and Staten Island. Then, too, the bi-monthly dances, at which the women members preside in turn as hostesses, are steadily growing in popularity. A series of entertainments and lectures has been given under the direction of the Entertainment Committee. Among the most successful of these was the Mother Goose party, which was attended in costume, and which, after some excellent tableaux, ended with a dance. Mr. Brown's musicale, in January, was attended by fifty guests from out of town, besides giving a rare treat to the club members and many of their friends in Yonkers. Last week a bright bit of theatrical work was presented in the shape of a little play, entitled "A Box of Monkeys," in which the parts were taken by Miss Butler, Mrs. George Houghton, Miss Maud Hunter, John Avery and George A. Flagg. For Friday evening, March 8, is announced the first of the Lenten entertainments, the dances being temporarily given up. This will be a complimentary concert given by the Entertainment Committee to the members and their friends. It will be given under the direction of Stanford Brown, who is as well known in New-York society and musical circles as at Park Hill or in Brooklyn, his former home.

By the courtesy of the New-York Central officials, a special car will be attached to the train leaving One-hundred-and-fifty-fifth-st., via New-York and Putnam, for Park Hill, at 8 p. m. The cards of admission to the concert will admit the bearers to this car, which will return from Park Hill at 12:25 a. m.

The popularity of these entertainments and the applications for membership which are now coming in unsolicited have brought up seriously the matter of enlarging the clubhouse, ways and means for which are under consideration by the Board of Governors. The financial condition of the club is good. A number of bonds were paid off in midwinter, and four more will be drawn and paid off at the special meeting of the club to be held on Monday.

The managers of the Homeopathic and Maternity Home sent out invitations to their many friends for a tea which was given at the Yonkers Lawn Tennis clubhouse on Monday afternoon and evening. Inclosed with each invitation was a little envelope, which was sent as a silent appeal for assistance in this most needy and worthy work. It has been a long-cherished hope of the managers of this institution to extend its field of usefulness so that it may include all classes of sick and suffering, and by giving this tea the women hit upon a novel plan to raise a fund. The attendance was large, and among those who attended were many who are ever ready to help in a good cause.

The Yonkers Yacht Club has had a big increase in its membership during the last year, and its present quarters on the river-front are not suited to its wants. A new house is to be built on land under water which the club recently purchased at Glenwood. The property cost $1,500, and measures 25x375 feet. Plans have been adopted for a house to cost $1,600, and it will be erected as soon as the weather becomes settled. It is to be 20x45 feet in size, two stories high, with peaked roof. A broad piazza will extend in front of both stories, facing the Hudson.

The Civic League is the most recently organized department of the Woman's Institute. It would be indeed singular if the prevailing interest among women for the subject of municipal reform and civic affairs should not have extended to Yonkers, and the interest which already exists needs only a cause upon which to focus in order to make its power felt. To utilize this energy and give it the opportunity for practical expression is one of the purposes of thus uniting for active work, and the Civic League proposes to strive not only to promote an interest in civic affairs by means of lectures, classes and special libraries, but will endeavor, by actual co-operation with the city authorities and other societies, to promote a higher public spirit and better social order. A branch library of the Institute has been opened at No. 330 Nepperhan-ave. for the convenience of the working people in that neighborhood. The branch is free to all women over fourteen years of age, and open daily from 9 a. m. till 9 p. m.

The will of John Copcutt, of Yonkers, was filed yesterday with Surrogate Silkman at White Plains for probate. The will was executed on May 14, 1892, and the estate is worth about $150,000. The testator gives to his daughters certain real estate, and the rest of the estate is left to his wife, Mr. Copcutt in his will states, whereas his son, William H. Copcutt, is indebted to him in the sum of $310,327 05 by reason of unfortunate business speculations, he agrees, if his son shall, at the request of the executors, deliver to them a release and agreement of all claims against the estate, they shall give him a general release of all judgments and other causes which the testator may have had against him. John B. Copcutt is appointed executor, and Anna E. Hyde, Rebecca M. Leale and Anna C. Copcutt executrices.

TUCKAHOE AND BRONXVILLE.

Mrs. George L. Underhill, of New-Rochelle, sister-in-law of Junior Warden William H. Underhill, has presented to St. John's Episcopal Church, at Tuckahoe, a full set of altar, dossal, litany desk and pulpit coverings, made of royal purple broadcloth, edged with heavy white and purple silk fringe, with emblems in fine hand-embroidery.

St. John's Legion held its usual monthly meeting at the home of Charles R. Dusenbery, Tuckahoe, Thursday evening, and, as usual, there was a pleasant and profitable gathering.

W. E. Dickson, of Bronxville, is having two fine dwellings erected at Sherwood Park.

Assemblyman Burns has introduced in the Legislature a bill authorizing School District No. 1, town of East Chester, to issue $5,000 of 6 per cent bonds, to pay off indebtedness.

It is pretty sure that the Town Board will next Tuesday act on the water contract for Tuckahoe District, submitted by the Westchester Water Company. It is asserted by that company that it secured its franchise in 1892, for a period of ten years, and the supply will come from the Pocantico reservoir.

The trustees of Public School No. 3, at Tuckahoe, will enforce the Compulsory Education law, and has appointed J. S. O'Gorman truant officer.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Bronxville Reformed Church met at the home of the president, Mrs. Burtnett, in Cedar-st., on Wednesday and decided to work for some worthy and needy people in this vicinity.

Letters from Judge S. D. Gifford and his wife, of Tuckahoe, who are at Nassau, N. P., report them as well and not at all injured by the mishap to the steamship Cienfuegos, when she went ashore at Harbor Island recently. They will return home in April.

A sad case occurred in Tuckahoe on Monday, when a quarryman at Norcross Brothers' quarry, named Thomas O'Rourke, suddenly became insane. He was removed to the Poughkeepsie Insane Asylum on Wednesday. He has a family consisting of a wife and eight young children; the wife is suffering from a broken arm, caused by falling on the ice, and they are destitute.

In the Jefferson Place public school, District No. 2, Tuckahoe, intermediate department, during April seventeen scholars averaged from 90 to 100 per cent in studies, deportment and attendance; two reached the 100 mark, and three the 99 mark.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. White gave an enjoyable informal dance at their home in Tuckahoe on Tuesday evening.

SING SING.

The subject of changing the present name of this village will be discussed at a public meeting, to be held at Olive Opera House, next Thursday evening, when it is expected that George A. Brandreth, Adjutant-General E. A. McAlpin, the Rev. Mr. McWilliams, the Rev. Dr. Price and others will speak. The name proposed by the committees having the matter in charge, that of "Weskora," is by no means popular, and there are a large number of citizens who are opposed to any change at all.

Illness among the students has caused the temporary abandonment of the premises occupied by Cushing Seminary, and in the interval the young women attending the school will be quartered at the home of Mrs. George Jackson Fisher, in Ellis Place, and the classes will meet in the chapel of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore, widow of Benjamin Moore, whose home is on the Albany post road, north of this village, died, at her winter home, in New-York City, last Sunday, in her seventy-fifth year. The Sing Sing Choral Union has not been getting along very well of late, owing to the illness of the conductor, Victor Baier. A meeting has been called for next Tuesday evening, at the chapel of the Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of getting the members of the association down to work again.

Mrs. Ralph Brandreth and Mrs. Francis Larkin, Jr., representing Mohegan Chapter, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, attended the annual Congress of the order, at Washington, last week. Mrs. Schuyler Hamilton, jr., of this village, was elected a vice-president.

Miss Beatrice Brandreth is visiting in Albany, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Edwin A. McAlpin.

The annual midwinter dance, at Holbrook's Military Academy, was held on Friday evening of last week. The armory was handsomely decorated, and a large number of guests from this village were present.

It has been decided to submit the question of establishing a Board of Town Auditors to the electors at the spring election, which will be held March 26.

Beginning on Monday next Collector Kromer will sit at the First National Bank on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week for thirty days, for the collection of taxes now due the town of Ossining. Although the general tax levy of the county is $65,000 larger this year than last, this town is fortunate in having less taxes to pay than in 1894.

The Rev. Dr. J. E. Price, of the Highland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, accompanied by Mrs. Price, is taking a week's rest at Atlantic City.

MOUNT VERNON.

THE TAX RATE LIGHTER THAN WAS EXPECTED.

MEDALS FOR LIFE SAVERS—TWO BRILLIANT CLUB AFFAIRS—FIRE DEPARTMENT MATTERS—OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST.

One of the most important and interesting incidents of annual occurrence in Mount Vernon is the completion of the budget and the fixing of the tax rate by the Common Council, and this was done at the meeting on Tuesday evening. The result, fixing the tax rate at 2.064, is certainly more gratifying to the citizens than they expected, but would have been more satisfactory could the Republican Mayor have had a working majority of Republicans in the Common Council to aid him in carrying out economy in the administration. The taxable property of the city is assessed at $14,548,360, and the total budget is $300,445 40, of which $76,132 26 is for State and county taxes and $75,905 76 for the maintenance of the schools. The increased valuation is partly due to the marked improvements in property and the large number of new buildings erected. For instance, in that part of the city known as Chester Hill there are fifty-one private houses in course of construction. Another growing section and one which promises to be well built up before another year if investments are a criterion, is Corcoran Manor, adjacent to Chester Hill. A number of houses are in course of building and contracts for others have been made. There have also been extensive building operations in the main part of the city; but this is the oldest part of the city, and there are only a few vacant lots, which the owners prefer to hold for higher values. On this side of the city there are also two new school buildings being erected. These will be completed by the beginning of the new school year in September.

The awarding of medals to two well-known young men of Mount Vernon, on Monday night, by the Life-Saving Benevolent Association, has begun to be appreciated by the people as not only a recognition of the bravery of John F. Jarvis, jr., and James Dillon, but an honor to the city of Mount Vernon itself. Mr. Jarvis is one of our jewelry merchants and Mr. Dillon is also a business man, and they were on a yachting cruise on Long Island Sound on Labor Day, when they rescued Miss Fullam and Miss Spratley, of Jersey City, who had been capsized in a rowboat, in New-Rochelle Bay, by the wash of one of the excursion boats, and were saved only after a heroic struggle by the young men. The Life-Saving Benevolent Association, after an investigation, concluded both cases worthy of special recognition, and Crossman Lyon, chairman of the Committee on Award, made the presentation in the office of Frank N. Glover, and in the presence of a large number of the citizens. Mayor Lewis responded on behalf of the young men, and Edward B. Maynard, Editor of "The Record," made a speech, in which he cited the details of the courage and the success of the efforts of the rescuers. Mr. Glover, B. F. Ashley, for many years Editor of "The Record," and now proprietor of "The Tuckahoe Bulletin," and F. J. Coggswell, also made addresses.

Bethlehem Commandery of Knights Templar, whose unique reproduction of Ascalon Castle is so extensively known, will have a specially interesting time on Thursday evening, March 7. In addition to the official visit of the Deputy Grand Master, Horace A. Noble, of Buffalo, there will be the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross, with the council in full Jewish and Persian robes, a costume which this commandery adopted many years ago. The work of the commandery has earned the commendation of members of the order from many parts of the United States. The Grand Commander of the State, Dr. James W. Bowden, expects to be present, as well as other members of the Grand Commandery and delegations from subordinate commanderies. A dinner will follow the conferring of the Red Cross, but this will be of an informal character, so that the visitors may return to their homes at a seasonable hour.

The two leading social clubs—the Mount Vernon and the Chester Hill—have had their spring reception this week. The reception at the Mount Vernon Club was given by President Dr. H. Eugene Smith, and Vice-President E. W. Weimar. Among those who accepted invitations were Alderman and Mrs. Edwin W. Fiske, Colonel and Mrs. Henry Huss, Captain and Mrs. John F. Luther, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. T. Milton Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Closter, Mr. and Mrs. V. Linn, Dr. and Mrs. John A. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Van Arsdale, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. H. Roball, Mr. and Mrs. David A. Gourlay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Lauder and Mrs. C. A. Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Sinnott, William H. Huss, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Buck, W. Brinkerhoff, Miss E. B. Brinkerhoff, Duncan Gay, E. J. Lucas, L. H. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rapelye, Joseph W. Downs, Miss Alice Kingsland, Miss A. Lovell, Miss Mary Lewis and Miss Nellie Christmas.

The masquerade reception of the Chester Hill Club was a brilliant affair in every way, and among the many present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman G. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hart, Mrs. Samuel Fiske, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Youmans, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hitchcock, Charles H. Ostrander, Miss Nettie Ostrander, Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Close, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Sageman, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kipp, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rathbun, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sageman, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hammett, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McCarten, H. D. Quimby, Mrs. Eugene Hawxhurst, Mrs. G. P. Reynaud, Miss I. M. Townley, Miss Julia Fish, Miss Anna M. Burdette, J. A. Jenkins and Mrs. J. H. Jenkins.

The Friday Evening Club met at the home of the Misses Andrews, in South Second-ave., last evening, and read selections from Thackeray's works. Supper was served at the close of the meeting, at which the husbands of the members were permitted to be present and discuss various matters of interest.

The Young Men's Christian Association directors have arranged for excellent entertainment for the members. On Sunday last Professor A. B. Davis, principal of the High School, made the principal address, and there was music by a chorus from his pupils. To-morrow will be observed as "State Day," at which there will be a special music programme and historical sketches of the work of the State associations.

The Fire Department has had special matters of interest this week, the principal incidents being the annual meetings. Clinton Hook and Ladder Company has elected the following officers: President, Benjamin Howe; foreman, John Wintjen; assistant foreman, William M. Anderson; secretary, Mason Matier; treasurer, E. Gifford. Medals as rewards for the best fire attendance for the year were presented to Bruce Anderson, J. Paul Hick, Arthur Bertine and W. M. Anderson. The Steamer Company elected the following officers: President, R. W. Macgowan; foreman, William J. Collins; assistant foremen, John O'Toole and J. Melver; engineer, James W. Wallace; assistant engineers, T. Hinchcliff and John Wagner; recording secretary, J. W. Downs; financial secretary, Peter Collins; treasurer, T. F. Nesbitt.

"Ye greate olde tyme concerte" was repeated in the Baptist Church last night for the gratification of those who were unable to get into the building on Tuesday night, and to add more to the church funds. The "singin' skewl" was composed of old and young, big and little, and there were all the necessary shadings of the various voices required, and, clad in bright, old-fashioned costumes, they sang choruses, duets and solos, ate doughnuts and drank water from a tin dipper. Charles A. Hetzel was "Brother Jonathan," the conductor was Mr. Stickles and the manager W. H. Whitney.

PORT CHESTER.

The fourteenth annual reception of Reliance Engine and Hose Company took place in Fehr's Opera House on Monday evening. Visitors were present from Rye, Mount Vernon, White Plains and elsewhere.

Bishop Talbot, of Idaho and Wyoming, confirmed a class of twenty-seven candidates in St. Peter's Church on Thursday evening. A large congregation was in attendance. Bishop Potter was unable to officiate owing to an engagement in New-York.

The Third Republican District Association of the town of Rye will hold its annual meeting in Young's Hall, on March 5, at 8 o'clock. The meeting of the Fourth District Association will be held on the same evening in Fehr's Opera House.

The names of William Young, who was defeated by Addison Johnson in the last contest for Supervisorship, and Clarence Sackett, the present incumbent, are being canvassed as candidates for the same office this spring.

At the annual meeting of the Society of Faithful Workers of St. Peter's Church, held on Monday evening, the following officers were elected: Miss T. M. Horton, president; Mrs. J. W. McCarty, vice-president; Mrs. E. F. Mathews, treasurer, and Miss Marion Pinks, secretary.

RYE.

The funeral of Mrs. Reginald P. Sherman, who died at Lakewood, N. J., on Sunday last, was held at Christ Church Wednesday, at 3 o'clock. Burial was in Woodlawn.

Christ Church has received an excellent portrait of the late Rev. Edward C. Bull, formerly rector of the parish. The portrait is a gift of Mrs. Bull.

The "Soldiers of the Cross" of the Presbyterian Church held a "snow fête" on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Patterson.

Among the clergymen who visited Rye on Thursday were the Rev. Dr. Chauncey B. Brewster and the Rev. Dr. Reese F. Alsop, both former rectors of Christ Church.

Robert A. Wagner, a well-known young man of Rye, died at his home on Thursday, after a brief illness.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Sprague announce the marriage of their daughter, Minnie B. Sprague, to William Collin, on Thursday, March 12, at Staten Island.

The "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society" of the Presbyterian Church will give a tea at Rye Seminary on March 8.

The Rye Gun Club announces a private shoot on the grounds between members of the Park City Gun Club, of Bridgeport, Conn., to be held on March 8.

The annual meeting of the Rye Wheelmen was held in the Lyceum on Thursday evening.

WHITE PLAINS.

A GOOD GOVERNMENT CLUB ORGANIZED.

MUSICAL AND LITERARY ENTERTAINMENTS—PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NOTES OF INTEREST.

One of the most important organizations in several years in White Plains was that of the Good Government Club, which was effected on Tuesday evening last in Lafayette Hall. While the objects of the club are in no sense political, and while no person is debarred from membership on account of religious or political affiliations, the club reserves the right to name candidates for political offices, and to support or oppose aspirants for public places. Persons holding public offices cannot become members of the club, and no member thereof can seek public office under its constitution and bylaws. There has been considerable public criticism, however, over the manner in which the club was organized and the officers chosen. Typewritten copies of invitations were sent to such persons as the promoters saw fit to invite, and when the election of officers was begun a typewritten list of a full set of officers was submitted to the meeting and voted on immediately. The business of the club is invested in a Board of Trustees of fifteen members, five of whom are elected annually. Aspirants for membership can be blackballed by three trustees, and the persons rejected cannot again apply for membership within six months. David Cromwell, the president of the village, was chairman of the committee which framed the list of officers. The list contains the names of many representative men. It is thought that much good can be done by the club's influence upon the official personnel in town and village government.

T. J. Somers & Co., general contractors, have purchased a transfer of the contracts recently awarded to Gately & O'Rourke for the building of sewer extensions in the village.

In the Auditorium Hall at the new Bloomingdale Asylum buildings a delightful masquerade ball was held last Tuesday evening. The costumes were characteristic, and a number of the best people in the village were in attendance. All the physicians at Bloomingdale were present at the masquerade with their wives or sweethearts.

Professor Carl Praeger, of Mount Vernon, has been engaged to direct the Amphion Society in its proposed presentation of the opera of "Joseph" at the Auditorium. The presentation may be postponed until after the Lenten season, Professor Carpenter's retirement causing the change.

A musical and literary entertainment in aid of the Greenburg Reformed Church will be held at Mrs. H. S. Moore's conservatory on Wednesday evening next. The entertainment will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church, of which Mrs. Henry Reynolds is president, Mrs. Isaac Van Wart vice-president, Mrs. W. W. Booth treasurer, and Miss F. Reynolds secretary.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday evening at the corporation rooms. Maps showing the grade lines of the proposed Grand-st. sewer will be submitted.

On the evening of March 6, at the Auditorium, a benefit concert will be given to help replenish the wardrobe of the little waifs of the Westchester Temporary Home, who lost all their clothing by the recent fire.

White Plains taxpayers will be the chief sufferers in the collection of the State and county taxes to be collected this month. The committee in the Board of Supervisors having in charge the equalization of assessments in White Plains at about 30 per cent. In response to the demands of taxpayers, the local Board of Assessors, when compiling the last assessment roll of the town, increased the assessments in many cases to two-thirds greater than they had ever been before. The result was that the total assessment of the town was increased $25,000. Notwithstanding this fact, the committee on equalization in the board, which adjourned this week, gave the town no credit for the increase whatever; hence the tax rate will be about the same as formerly, with the result that those persons whose assessments were increased will pay proportionately a greater tax than it was intended they should pay when the local board equalized the assessments.

The public school in District No. 1 has been fitted up with a private telephone service, and large fire gongs have been placed in the various rooms upon which, from time to time, false alarms will be given to accustom the children to the fire drill which Principal Stewart contemplates training the pupils in.

The Highway Commissioners outside the village limits have obtained an appropriation of $2,500 for highway repairs.

Officers of the New-York, Elmsford & White Plains Electric Railway Company have informed the village authorities that they will deposit the $2,500 demanded as a guarantee next week.

The town election notices have been posted. At the town meetings to be held on the last Tuesday in this month candidates for Justice of Peace, Collector, Constables, Assessors and Inspectors of Elections will be voted for.

BITS OF NEWS FROM STATEN ISLAND.

The business men of Staten Island are soon to enjoy the benefits of a telephone war, by which there will be a reduction of rates from $75 to $35 a year. The new company, which will be an antagonist to the New-York and New-Jersey Telephone Company, is being organized by James Kerr, a well-known business man of New-Brighton and a trustee of the village. The war has been caused by the action of the present company in having removed from Mr. Kerr's drugstore a cabinet telephone because he refused to establish a "pay station" in his store. The new company has thus far secured 500 subscribers, and will be for a local service only. It is expected that the company will be in operation within three months.

The daughters of Mrs. Erastus Brooks have sent a check for $3,000 to the treasurer of the S. R. Smith Infirmary. Mrs. Brooks, who was the widow of Erastus Brooks, the well-known editor and member of Assembly, was widely known for her generous acts of charity.

The deadlock which for some time has been in existence in the Board of Education of the Union Free School, at Stapleton, remains unbroken. At the meeting held on Wednesday evening, Thomas Flannigan, the newly elected trustee, took his seat, notwithstanding the objections that have been made against his election, which, it is claimed by four of the members of the board, was illegal. It will remain in the board until the State Superintendent, to whom the matter has been referred, gives his decision. The new building now in course of construction will have a seating capacity of 1,800 pupils.

Commuters on the Staten Island Rapid Transit Railroad Company will regret to learn of the death of Irving Robinson, the genial ticket chopper, who was stationed in the ferry-house at Whitehall-st. A week ago, while Mr. Robinson ran after an intoxicated man, who had refused to drop his ticket in the box, he slipped on a piece of iron, receiving fatal injuries. He was removed to a hospital in New-York, where he died on Sunday, while undergoing an operation. Mr. Robinson leaves a widow and three children.

The annual meeting of the village of Port Richmond for the election of officers will be held at Elm Park next Tuesday. The officers to be elected are one trustee, living west of the Morningstar Road; one trustee, living east of the same road; an assessor and two inspectors of election. The polls will be open from sunrise until sunset.

An attempt is being made to have the Pier and Bulkhead bill now in the Legislature become a law, and to have Staten Island made a port of entry. Several New-York steamship companies have been negotiating for property along the bay front, with the intention of erecting piers in case of the passage of the bill.

Among the deeds of transfer of real estate filed at the County Clerk's office at Richmond this week, is a deed from Sarah Schuyler Martin, wife of I. K. Martin, for valuable property in Richmond-ave., Clifton, to the United States of America, for $44,000, and other considerations. This is the property recently purchased by the Government for the enlargement of the Fort Wadsworth reservation. Deeds of several other large tracts of property recently acquired for the same purpose it is expected will shortly be filed.

The foreclosure sale of the defunct Belt Line Railroad Company, which was to have taken place on Thursday by order of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, has been postponed until next Thursday.

An important meeting will be held this evening by the taxpayers of School District No. 3, of New-Brighton, when a vote will be taken on the question as to whether the school, which is now a common school, shall be made a Union Free School. The voters, before taking final action on this important change, are anxious to first ascertain whether or not the bill introduced in the Legislature by Assemblyman Conkling, which provides that all excise moneys and fines for violations thereof collected, shall be paid over to the common schools, will become a law. This bill entirely ignores the Union Free schools in the county, and if the measure becomes a law will more than double the school taxes in the Union Free School districts.

The Tower Hill Euchre Club will give an informal dance on Tuesday evening at Johnson's Hall, Tower Hill.

Miss Maggie Winsch, of Stapleton, won the prize for high scoring at the Monday Night Bowling Club.

Bicycle enthusiasts are endeavoring to organize a county wheel club. There are over 400 riders on Staten Island, and with the completion of the new county roads from St. George to Tottenville it is expected that the number of wheelmen on the Island will be doubled.

The Lenten season was appropriately ushered in on the Island, special services being held in all of the different churches on Wednesday.

The Railroad Committee of the Trustees of the village of Edgewater held a lively meeting on Thursday night in Stapleton. The meeting was held to hear public opinion on the granting of franchises to the different electric railroads which have filed applications with the board. Franchises have been granted by the New-Brighton Board of Village Trustees and the Board of Supervisors, but the route cannot be completed until the Edgewater Village Trustees grant franchises for operating the trolley roads in the village, which comprises Tompkinsville, Clifton and Stapleton. The application for the franchise was made by Erastus Wiman, of the Interior Electric Company. He several times made strong appeals for the franchise, and scored Trustee August Horrman, the brewer, who is opposed to the trolley lines. The remarks of Mr. Wiman were applauded by those who attended the meeting. A number of other people spoke in favor of the franchises, but the committee adjourned until March 7 without taking any action. Arrangements are being made to hold a mass-meeting in the German Club rooms in Stapleton, to protest against the way in which the trustees have been acting in regard to the granting of franchises. Nearly all the people of Staten Island are in favor of the electric roads, but some rich people are opposed to having the county roads used for tracks.

LONG ISLAND CITY.

THE CROP OF FALL CANDIDATES COMING UP.

SENATOR CHILDS PRACTICALLY SURE OF RENOMINATION—THE MAYORALTY CONTEST.

Already the tocsin of war is sounding in Queens County, and candidates for State Senator to succeed John Lewis Childs are already giving in their names and exploiting the public and private records through every avenue of public thought to which they have access. Some political sharps are twanging the chestnut bell that Senator Childs should not be renominated. They think he was not aggressive enough in his warfare on the Long Island Railroad in Albany last year. As a matter of fact, Mr. Childs did all that might become a man to compel the railroad company to reduce its fares and run trains with greater regularity. His two-cent fare bill, it is true, was withdrawn in favor of a compromise made by the railroad, which all thinking men admit was more beneficial to the commuters than the Childs bill, and if the railroad company saw fit to repudiate the compromise afterward, Senator Childs should not be blamed. In order to win popular support for a candidate, it is now the custom in Queens and Suffolk counties for the plea to be urged that the Long Island Railroad is against him. The friends of Senator Childs, however, point to his blameless life, his rise from a farmhand to the proprietorship of one of the largest seed establishments in the world, his uncompromising Republicanism, and his unswerving integrity. They also argue that as it is customary in the 1st Senatorial District to give a Senator at least two terms, the public record of Senator Childs entitles him to the courtesy of a renomination.

Assemblymen Vacheron and Fairbrother, it is said, are anxious to succeed Mr. Childs, but neither of these men enjoys the confidence and esteem of the 4,500 voters of Long Island City to as great a degree as does the present Senator, and the city by Newtown Creek will have the deciding vote this year. If Senator Childs will accept a renomination he is sure to get it, and the chances of Solomon S. Townsend, who, in all probability, will again be the Democratic nominee, to defeat him will be the reverse of hopeful.

Long Island City's interest in the Senatorial campaign will be overshadowed by the Mayoralty election. The resignation a few days ago of Supervisor Theodore Koehler from the East River Gas Company's employ adds renewed interest to the struggle to oust the present administration. Mr. Koehler was the choice of the Gleasonites and Independent Democrats for City Treasurer last fall, but at the last moment his employers declined to allow him to take the field against Treasurer F. W. Bleckwenn, a partisan of Mayor Sanford, who was known as the "watchdog of the treasury." It was rumored at the time that the gas company's action in regard to Mr. Koehler's nomination was influenced by a member of Mayor Sanford's Cabinet who felt confident that the Supervisor would be victorious. The gas men denied this story, and said their action was based upon their inability to give Mr. Koehler a three years' vacation. Now that the Supervisor is "a free lance," so to speak, and is extremely popular with the German voters, the contest will be watched with interest.

There are upward of a dozen other candidates already in the field. Conspicuous among these are ex-Mayor Patrick J. Gleason, who is anxious to win in order "get even" with his enemies; Real Estate Auctioneer Henry C. Johnson, a former Assemblyman, who would run the office neatly; Alderman Edward J. Kagner, a jovial fellow; Postmaster James A. McKenna, whom the Gleasonites sent to the Legislature a few years ago, and whom Congressman Perry Belmont had appointed postmaster during Cleveland's first Administration; ex-Corporation Counsel Walter J. Foster, who has the brains and mettle to make a good executive, and who at present seems to be ahead for the honor in popular calculation; Alderman Joseph McGee, who is said to have the inside track in the Sanford ranks, and Alderman and Excise Commissioner Joseph Cassidy, who last year won the Second Ward for the Sanford candidate for the first time in the history of that balliwick. Cassidy has received assurances of support from all parties, and as he is particularly strong with the young element, he is likely to be the Jeffersonian nominee.

DOWN THE ISLAND.

NOTES FROM TOWNSHIPS BETWEEN BROOKLYN AND MONTAUK.

BABYLON.

The trouble over the refusal of the Board of Education of Amityville, to admit colored children as pupils into the new school, assumed a new phase last night, when a delegation of colored citizens appeared before the board, asking for an immediate answer as to why their children should not be admitted. Charles Devine Brewster and Alexander Fowler were the spokesmen of the party. The board informed Brewster that as the school district maintains a separate school for children, at the request of the colored people, the board had no authority to abolish the colored school. The board, however, suggested to Brewster that the proper course to pursue would be to address a petition to the Board of Education signed by a reasonable body of voters, requesting that a special meeting be called at an early date in order that the question might be voted on. After Brewster had warned the board that he would present his children at the new school on Monday morning, the delegation retired.

The returns of the fishermen on the Great South Bay for the last week have been from $150 upward. The shortage of fresh fish in the New-York markets caused by the intense cold, has been a veritable bonanza to the fishermen. Holes are cut in the ice all over the bay, through which the traps are hauled every morning. Every morning scores of men with sleds and horses start out over the ice in the direction of their traps. Two men only are required to take in the fish. If there has been a good run during the night a catch of from 800 to 1,000 pounds is the result. It takes from two to three hours to get all the fish out of the nets.

HEMPSTEAD AND NORTH HEMPSTEAD.

The decision in favor of Contractor Freel, of Brooklyn, whereby Judge Gaynor allows Freel's claim for the balance of $82,000 due on the big leaky reservoir at Rockville Centre, is received with considerable surprise at that place, and particularly by those who have had the strongest kind of proof of the incompleteness of the job, by being drowned out and driven from their homes, by having their land deluged and the highways converted into lakes by the escaping water from this big pond. The contract is supposed to have been for Freel's especial benefit, as it shows by its loose legal phraseology that neither the interests of the taxpayers nor the rights of those living in the flooded district were considered. The people of Rockville Centre are anxious to know if they are to be left to the mercy of the deluge every time the pond is pumped full, or whether the city of Brooklyn, to which the natural water supply of this neighborhood has been assigned, will pay more money and have the reservoir made secure.

The Rev. T. S. Braithwaite, pastor of the Bethany Congregational Church, at East Rockaway, has withdrawn his resignation and will remain with the church another year. Mr. Braithwaite's decision was the occasion on Monday night of a large and enthusiastic gathering. The Woman's Committee prepared a supper, which preceded the business meeting. Addresses were made by J. H. Hautch, James Johnson, Harry J. Siakum, R. D. Jaques and others. Mr. Braithwaite thanked those present for the kindness shown him during his pastorate and earnestly requested the members of the congregation to co-operate with him in building up and strengthening the church.

Edwin C. Willets, of East Williston, is spoken of as the most available candidate on the Republican ticket for Excise Commissioner in North Hempstead. Mr. Willets is a young man of considerable business ability, who favors a wise discriminating policy in the matter of licensing saloons. He thinks that in all cases where a license is issued the applicant should be a man of good moral character. The candidacy of Mr. Willets is favorably received by the hotelkeepers, who are dissatisfied with the indiscriminate licensing of barrooms which has been practised in the town for several years.

The first arrest under the Compulsory Educational law at Baldwin's was made on Thursday by Truant Officer Joseph A. Wright. The prisoner was Alexander Hulse, who refused to send his two sons to the public school. Hulse is the only man in the village who refused to comply with the provisions of the new law. He has repeatedly told Officer Wright that he alone had control over his children, and denied the right of the State to coerce him into educating his family. Hulse was arraigned before Justice Wallace, at Rockville Centre, in the afternoon. He pleaded not guilty and was held to appear for an examination on Monday.

OYSTER BAY.

The first indication that Glen Cove is to move toward incorporation is the establishment of an electric light plant, to be known as the Franklin Electrical Illuminating Company. The company has just been incorporated to manufacture and use electricity for light, heat and power in Glen Cove, Dosoris, Red Spring, North Country and Sea Cliff. The capital stock is $25,000, divided into 100 shares. The directors are Louis T. Duryea and James Norton, of Glen Cove; Henry Noyes, of Red Spring; Samuel Stenson, William Porter, John Graham and D. W. Pardee, of Sea Cliff, and James Trichborne, of Mount Vernon, N. Y.

The close of the social season in Glen Cove was marked by a masquerade sociable, given by Miss Myra Duryea, of South Glen Cove, in Pembroke Hall, on Monday evening. Among the guests were the Misses Lizzie Duffee, Irene Pearsall, Addie Billings, Minnie Campbell, Ida Schleicher, Bessie Bridges, Lizzie Phillips, Leila Fancher, Florence Beers, Maggie McNamara, Ada Carpenter, Elsie Schleicher, Sibyl Wheeler, Mary Montfort, Addie Bond, Edith Stoutenberg, Mattie Valentine, Florence Miller, Ida Phillips, Emma Detering, Fanny Healey, Bertha Hall, Edith Duryea, Bessie Duryea, Jessie Beers; Messrs. Lester Duryea, William Streeter, Henry Hubbs, George Mills, Walter Campbell, Jesse Miller, Benjamin Small, Linus Fancher, Irving Fancher, Leon Debonay, Corwin Wheeler, Howard Schleicher, Edward Billings, Fred Kapetcheny, Andrew Duryea, Stephen Britt, Thomas Underhill, George Duryea, George Hegeman, George Bond, Samuel Billings, Lester J. Fries, Henry Streeter and John Small.

Mrs. Rosalie King, of Brooklyn, has purchased lots 34, 35, 45 and 46, in West Seventeenth-ave., Sea Cliff, and will build a cottage thereon at an early date. William Wright, of Glen Cove, has purchased lot 1,165, at Maple and Central aves., and intends to put up a building there for business purposes.

BITS OF NEWS FROM OTHER PLACES.

The annual meeting of the directors of the Suffolk County Agricultural Society was held at Riverhead on Tuesday. Sylvester M. Foster, of Riverhead, was elected secretary of the society, vice James L. Millard, deceased. The treasurer's report shows the total receipts of the last fair to have been $5,757 95; the disbursements, $7,795 07; deficiency, $2,037 12. The date of the fair for 1895 was fixed for October 1, 2 and 3.

William A. Mitchell, one of Flushing's oldest and best-known citizens, died at his home at Whitestone and Bayside aves., on Sunday. Mr. Mitchell was seventy-five years old. He at one time held the offices of town clerk and tax collector, and served in the latter capacity for several terms. Nearly all his life he was a member of the Hamilton Rifles and the Home Guards, and was a member of the Odd Fellows for fifty years. He was also a member of St. George's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cockroft and Miss Annie Thompson, of Northport, are on their way to Lausanne, Switzerland, where a son of Mr. Cockroft is attending school. The party will spend some time abroad and will visit Rome and the Holy Land.

Considerable progress has been made by the Jamaica Choral Society since its organization a few weeks ago. At the rehearsal on Monday evening the class reached an enrollment of 100. Musical Director Coleman says that no more voices will be admitted until after the concert which will be given in May.

The new public school now in course of erection at Bayport will be finished and ready for occupancy by March 15. Text books will be furnished the school free of charge.

Isaac Bedell, a resident of Sayville, left his home Thursday morning and went on a spree. When he returned home he asked his wife to procure him a razor. Mrs. Bedell said she couldn't find one. Bedell