IN FAVOR OF RECIPROCITY.

THE BOARD OF TRADE TAKES ACTION ON THE SUBJECT.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONSULAR SYSTEM ALSO ADOPTED—NEW MEMBERS ELECTED.

The regular monthly meeting of the New-York Board of Trade and Transportation was held yesterday afternoon in the Board room, No. 203 Broadway. President Darwin R. James presided at the meeting. The following were elected members of the Board on the recommendation of the Executive Committee: Frank W. Sanger, manager Madison Square Garden Company; J. H. Breslin, Gilsey House; Gustav Baumann, Holland House; George Green, Hotel Metropole; Washington L. Jaques, Murray Hill Hotel; C. F. Wildey, Cosmopolitan Hotel; William J. Fanning, No. 125 Broadway; William H. Earle & Son, Park Avenue Hotel; A. L. Ashman, Sinclair House; General Daniel Butterfield, No. 616 Fifth-ave.; Henry A. Rogers, No. 19 John-st.; R. E. A. Dorr, publisher of "The Mail and Express," and B. H. Janssen, No. 542 West Fortieth-st.

William H. Parsons presented the report of the Committee on Conventions, which went to Washington to try and secure the Republican Convention for New-York.

President James saw that the Committee on Conventions had been made a standing committee. "We did not expect that the committee would do a great deal in connection with the Republican Convention," said President James, "but we hope it will be able to secure the Democratic Convention for this city."

The following resolution was then adopted:

"Resolved, That the New-York Board of Trade and Transportation cordially commends the commemoration of the centennial of the Jay treaty of commerce with Great Britain, December 19, 1895."

Mr. Thurber offered the following resolution, which was also adopted:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of the National Board of Trade the present year marks an epoch in commercial history; that the present is a time worthy of the best efforts of our producers, manufacturers and merchants to extend the export trade of the United States, and that these efforts should be supported by a wise and progressive policy on the part of our Government. The principle of reciprocity should be recognized in our diplomacy; our consular service be controlled by civil service rules and adequately compensated, and our carrying trade be fostered as far as possible by liberal pay for the carriage of mails on the ocean, as well as on land."

Mr. Thurber then offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the National Board of Trade reaffirm its previous action on the subject of pooling by railroads and the adjustment of the indebtedness of the Pacific railroads to the Government."

This resolution was laid on the table.

THE GUILD OF AMERICAN AUTHORS.

IT HOLDS A MEETING AT WHICH THOMAS DUNN ENGLISH IS THE GUEST.

A meeting of the Guild of American Authors was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Windsor Hotel, General James Grant Wilson, the president, being in the chair. After the transaction of the usual routine business, General Wilson introduced as the guest of the afternoon Dr. Thomas Dunn English, of Newark, N. J., who spoke most humorously about the way in which his life has recently been made miserable by his song of "Ben Bolt," a depraved and incorrect version of which has been sung everywhere during the last year. Several members spoke or recited, and Miss Florence De V. Boese sang a ballad acceptably, after which refreshments were served.

Among the prominent members of the Authors' Guild, many of whom were present, may be mentioned Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Colonel Richard Malcolm Johnston, Edmund C. Stedman, Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton, Richard Henry Stoddard, J. C. Bancroft Davis, Mrs. Dahlgren, Edward Everett Hale, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Hoffman, Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer, Donald G. Mitchell, Miss Grace Davis Litchfield, Colonel A. K. McClure and Maurice Thompson.

"POP" HOLLIS SENT TO AN ALMSHOUSE

THE MEXICAN WAR VETERAN AND OLD-TIME CIRCUS CLOWN CARED FOR BY THE SUFFOLK COUNTY AUTHORITIES.

Justice Conklin, of Patchogue, yesterday committed Thomas Hollis, an old circus clown, to the Suffolk County Almshouse, at Yaphank, for four months, on the charge of being a vagrant. Hollis is seventy-four years old, and is known from one end of Long Island to the other by the old residents as "Pop" Hollis.

At one time Hollis was one of the leading jig dancers and clowns in the country. He travelled with Van Amberg's and John Robinson's circuses, and was received in every place they visited with delight by the young people. He has not yet lost his voice, and can sing well, and hold his own with many dancers. His mind became slightly unbalanced several years ago, and since then he has been wandering over Long Island. Hollis would disappear for a time, but would always turn up in Patchogue. He had an acquaintance with all the theatrical people who make that place and Sayville their headquarters during the summer, and all of them thought kindly of him.

At one time Hollis was the proprietor of a museum in New-York City, and no one wanted for anything who applied to him. He is supposed to have two wealthy sisters living in New-York City. Hollis is a Mexican war veteran, and when he was being taken to the almshouse he wept.

AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY MAIL.

THE ELIZABETH POSTOFFICE MYSTERIOUSLY VISITED BY FIREBUGS.

The police of Elizabeth have been asked by the Postmaster to aid in investigating what is thought to have been an attempt to burn a quantity of mail matter on Tuesday.

The first-class mail dropped in the postoffice is caught in a basket set under the slot. Between 10:20 and 11 o'clock Tuesday morning some one dropped several lighted matches through the slot. Several letters were scorched, but none of them were injured to any extent. For some time there have been persistent attempts to do damage at the postoffice. One of the favorite plans was to take the ink from the bottles and pour it into the hospital boxes. The pens and penholders provided for public use were destroyed and the blotters torn up.

KEEPING THIEVES OUT OF BANKS.

WORK OF THE PINKERTON AGENCY—LATEST REPORT TO THE AMERICAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION.

The annual report of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency to the American Bankers' Association for 1895 will be of interest to bankers who have availed themselves of the association's latest protective work. It contains a detailed statement of the arrests of dangerous criminals and their conviction and imprisonment for bank robberies. The report is signed by William A. Pinkerton and Robert A. Pinkerton, who make these recommendations:

It is the certainty of punishment that will cause professional criminals to be careful to determine whether or not a bank is a member of the association before operating against it.

We have likewise to recommend that a new album be issued at an early date. Volume No. 1 contained when sent out 189 photographs and descriptions of professional criminals who operate against banks, and had spaces for sixty additional photographs and descriptions. Photographs and descriptions have been issued for twenty-four of these spaces, and we now have a sufficient number of important criminal photographs to make another issue which will fill up the remaining thirty-six spaces.

In conclusion we beg to say that we consider the American Bankers' Association is to be congratulated on the success of the first year of its protective feature, although a lack of sufficient funds somewhat hampered its work and prevented us from following up matters as thoroughly as we otherwise should have done.

HAMILTON REAL ESTATE SOLD.

One of the largest real estate sales held for some time in the Brooklyn Real Estate Exchange took place yesterday, when thirty-two houses and thirty-one vacant lots belonging to the estate of Robert R. Hamilton were sold. Most of the property was bid off by real estate brokers and speculators. The total proceeds of the sale were $96,600.

NO NEW BOARD WALK FOR ATLANTIC CITY.

Atlantic City, Dec. 11.—The Common Council of this city at its meeting last night, after failing to come to a definite understanding with the property-owners along the ocean front in reference to the new proposed board walk, instructed Building Inspector Wescott to inspect the present board walk and make a report of repairs needed. From this it is inferred that it is the intention of the Common Council to keep in use the present walk for another year. The proposed new one was to cost $100,000, and was to be ready for next season, but the property-holders have been at odds among themselves as to how far the walk should run. Some want it to run further seaward than Tennessee-ave., while others say this would destroy the beauty of the beach.

SALARIES OF ENGLISH CLERGYMEN

From The London Globe.

Four hundred beneficed clergymen of the Church of England, said Dean Lefroy at the Church Congress, receive less than £50 per annum; there are 3,500 with less than £100 a year and 7,000 with less than £150.

IT PAYS to buy "MILLER" Lamps.

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CHAT ABOUT PUBLIC MEN.

President Cleveland is duck-hunting, but the faithful Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary of War, is vigilant. He was in the city yesterday and saw several Democrats, among whom were ex-Secretary Whitney and Charles R. De Freest, secretary of the Democratic State Committee. The Democratic primaries are approaching, and it is said that Colonel Lamont's idea in coming to New-York at this time was to try to effect peace between the Democratic factions. It is hinted that as Senator Hill's power is on the wane, Secretary Lamont will be pushed to the front as State Democratic leader.

Knute Nelson, ex-Governor of Minnesota and now United States Senator, passed through this city on his way to Washington at the opening of Congress, and in talking with politicians here he conveyed the impression of being a shrewd and able man. Mr. Nelson was a member of the XLVIIIth, XLIXth and Lth Congresses, and then retired. Two years later he was elected Governor and then re-elected. He was elected to the Senate before his term as Governor expired.

A prominent silver man said yesterday that the coming retirement from the United States Senate of J. Don Cameron, of Pennsylvania, was the severest blow that the silver advocates in this country have received. Senator Cameron has been a source of strength to them, being from a sound-money State, and his retirement to private life robs them of an enthusiastic worker. In the mean time the silver men are beginning to realize that the people do not subscribe to their sentiment. Senator Cameron, even with the powerful influence of Senator Quay, so it is said, saw that he could not retain his seat and so took time by the forelock and announced that he would get out.

Senator Gorman, according to report, will resign from the Senate. He will take this step, so they say, because he chafes under his recent defeat in Maryland, which entails the loss of his colleague, Senator Gibson. When Gorman's friends heard this they laughed and said nothing. When the Senator was asked about it he laughed and said nothing. It was learned yesterday that there is no likelihood of Senator Gorman's resigning and that he is busy plotting to regain his lost power and that as the United States Senate is the best breastworks behind which to fight a foe he will probably stay in there just as long as he can.

The retirement of Cameron from the Senate promises a lively contest for his place in the Keystone State. Charles Emory Smith, John Wanamaker and other prominent politicians are named as being in the race to be his successor. There are some queer stories going the rounds about Mr. Wanamaker's candidacy. It is hinted in Washington, and among New-York politicians, that he may jump from the Harrison camp and go over to Senator Quay and his following if the place in the Senate is to be the reward. Many people believe that such will be the move of the ex-Postmaster General and that the breach between him and Senator Quay will be healed and that General Harrison will lose one of his most valuable supporters in Pennsylvania.

RAILROAD INTERESTS.

FREIGHT SITUATION GETTING WORSE.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—The Eastern freight situation, if anything, was worse to-day than yesterday, but no road has as yet made the expected open cut. The officers of the Central Traffic Association say the scare is over, but to-day's developments seem to indicate that there is still considerable probability that the open rate will be made in a few days by one of the weak lines. Meanwhile the Grand Trunk and the Erie both disclaim any intention of making the open rate, but it is admitted at these offices that the situation is still an aggravated one and that the presidents' agreement is likely to be smashed at any moment. It is expected that some action will be taken at the meeting of the new joint committee in New-York to-morrow to stop the secret tariff slashing. The shippers, by the allotment of their freight, are doing all in their power to make certain lines appear to have the worst of it and thus urge them on to make the cut which would, of course, mean reduced rates all around and a general jubilee for the shippers.

A rate of $15 15 has been put in by the Chicago and Ohio River Association to be used as a basing rate to Atlanta December 21.

UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS.

A decline in the stock of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company yesterday was accompanied by a report that another hitch had occurred in the negotiations for a settlement of the differences between the company and the Panama Railroad. President C. P. Huntington said an agreement might be signed in an hour and again it might never be signed. William Nelson Cromwell, counsel for the Panama Railroad, said there were points of dispute which made it uncertain when the matter would be closed up.

PROPOSING TO EXTEND A ROAD.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 11.—The Chicago, Kalamazoo and Saginaw Railroad has filed with the Register of Deeds of this county a mortgage for $225,000 to the Union Trust Company, of Detroit. It covers forty-four miles of roadbed, its rolling stock, its engines, tanks and all appurtenances. The mortgage is the outcome of the building scheme which has been talked of for some time. It is given in the form of bonds of $1,000 each, running for six years at 6 per cent interest and bearing date of December 1, 1895. The purpose of this mortgage is for paying the back indebtedness and for the betterment, further construction, completion and equipment of the road. There is a strong probability of the road being extended from its present northern terminus at Woodbury to Saginaw.

THE CLAIM TO BE PAID.

J. Kennedy Tod, receiver of the New-York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad, said yesterday:

"The parties at Marion who secured the appointment of a receiver for the company represent a claim for $5,500 against the Erie, and took this means of collecting it. The Erie Reorganization Committee has telegraphed that the claim will be paid, and this will lead to the discharge of the receiver."

JOINT TRAFFIC OFFICERS.

The Board of Managers of the new Joint Traffic Association held its first meeting yesterday afternoon in the Central Building, at Liberty and West sts. There was a full attendance. The only road not represented was the Grand Trunk, of Canada, which has not yet named its member of the board. General Traffic Manager George B. Reeve will doubtless be designated. It is expected that Horace J. Hayden, second vice-president of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad, will be made chairman of the board. The selection of the commissioners of the association is in the hands of the managers, and it is expected that they will agree upon J. F. Goddard and George R. Blanchard, who are at present commissioners, respectively, of the Trunk Line and Central Traffic associations.

The Board of Control, which is composed of the presidents of the railroads in the association, will meet to-day. It is practically certain that George B. Roberts, president of the Pennsylvania, will be elected chairman of the board. The Board of Arbitration will be appointed by the presidents. There are about twenty candidates for the three places. E. B. Stahlman, formerly commissioner of the Southern Railway and Steamship Association, is said to be among the candidates.

A VALUABLE RIGHT OF WAY GAINED.

Cincinnati, Dec. 11.—The City Council of Middletown, Ohio, passed an ordinance to-day granting the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad Company right of way over Jefferson, Second, Third, Fourth, Charles and Libby sts. This enables the company to connect their Cincinnati and Dayton line with the main stem by running through that city, and practically a double track from Cincinnati to within a few miles of Dayton.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEET.

The best attended meeting that the trustees of the Consolidated Library, representing the Tilden, Astor and Lenox foundations, have held since the consolidation of the libraries was legalized on May 23, took place yesterday afternoon at the Astor Library. At the time of the three previous meetings many of the trustees were in Europe or at their country homes. Nearly all of the trustees are now in the city, and were present at the meeting yesterday.

As at the previous conferences, business was transacted behind closed doors. It was not until 4 o'clock that the trustees began to arrive, and at 5 o'clock the meeting was over. George L. Rives, the secretary, told a Tribune reporter that only routine business had been acted upon. In answer to a question whether the matter of asking the smaller libraries in the city to come under the management of the Consolidated Library had been discussed, Mr. Rives said he believed that the subject had been referred at an earlier meeting to a committee.

"Was there anything said about the site for the library?" was asked.

"I have no news to give you," said Mr. Rives, "that will interest you."

The trustees, it is said, will probably not decide upon the site and the plan of the building until early in the spring.

The next meeting of the trustees will be held the second Wednesday in January.

A REVOLVER AT HIS HEAD.

ANOTHER MORRISANIA SALOON HOLD-UP.

ROBBERY OF THE PLACE KEPT BY MRS. O'HEARN, WHOM GOVERNOR MORTON'S PARDON RECENTLY SAVED FROM A HEAVY EXCISE SENTENCE.

A thief with a revolver on Tuesday night held up the bartender in Mrs. Mary O'Hearn's saloon at One-hundred-and-fortieth-st. and Morris-ave. and robbed the money drawer. She is the woman who some time ago was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by the Justices of Special Sessions for excise violation. There was some indignation at the severity of the sentence, and Governor Morton granted her a pardon.

Thomas Croke, who was working in the regular bartender's place, declared that a man whose name is supposed to be George Pierce, and who has been hanging about the place, had asked him to give him a drink while Mrs. O'Hearn was out of the room. He refused, and then Pierce drew his revolver, which he pointed at the frightened bartender's head. Then he walked over to the money drawer and robbed it of about $12.

Croke was too much scared to make any outcry, and the thief made his escape.

When she heard Croke's story, Mrs. O'Hearn rushed to Meyers's saloon at One-hundred-and-thirty-ninth-st., on the same avenue, hoping to find Pierce there, for he is known to have frequented that place, but her search in that direction failed.

Croke reported the case to the policeman on the post, who informed Captain Creeden, of the Morrisania station. Detectives Titus and Schirmer were instructed to investigate the robbery. They promptly set out to capture the fugitive, but their efforts have thus far proved unsuccessful.

The detectives are inclined to doubt Croke's story of the affair, but Mrs. O'Hearn is positive that Croke told the truth, because she declares he could never have displayed such fright if he had not been threatened with death.

OBITUARY.

THE REV. DR. JOHN MILEY.

The Rev. Dr. John Miley, professor of systematic theology in Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., died shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday morning at his home in Madison.

Dr. Miley had reached the age of about eighty-two years. He joined the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1838, and filled important appointments in Ohio with ever-increasing reputation as a preacher of marvellous power until 1852, when he was transferred to the New-York East Conference. In 1866 he was transferred to the New-York Conference, of which he was a member until his death. In 1873 he was appointed professor in Drew Theological Seminary, which position he filled with distinction up to the hour of his death. Dr. Miley retained exceptionally good health and vigor up to within the last few months. For several weeks he has not been able to walk to his recitation room, and the students took great pride in appointing a committee daily to meet him at his home to lift him to his carriage and escort him to his recitation room, which he continued to visit until the day before he died, and when once seated in his chair his mental vigor and clearness of mind astonished his admiring pupils. In connection with his brother-in-law, Bishop R. S. Foster, he was a student of Augusta College, in Kentucky, the first college established in this country by the Methodists after the burning of Cokesbury College, which Bishops Coke and Asbury had founded in 1787, and which was destroyed by fire eight years later. As a preacher Dr. Miley achieved great fame, and had few superiors. Never sensational and never resorting to any questionable methods, there was in his preaching a clearness of statement, a positiveness of conviction and earnestness of manner, and a wealth of spiritual power which made his sermons overwhelming. Many stories are told of his matchless power over audiences. Dr. Miley has also occupied a prominent place in the Church as an author. Among his literary productions are a work on "Class Meetings," another on "Atonement in Christ," and another on "Systematic Theology." The last two works are of a monumental character. Both of them have been placed in the course of study required of all Methodist ministers before they enter into full connection in that body. His theological works are characterized by strength, vigor and orthodoxy, and give small place to crude doubts and mere hypotheses. Undoubtedly the influence of Dr. Miley over the rising ministry of this age has hardly been exceeded by that of any other preacher, author and instructor in his Church.

The wife of Dr. Miley died several years ago, and he never married again. He leaves two daughters and one son, John Miley, jr., who is principal of the Boys' School at Lakewood, N. J. The immediate cause of death was heart failure.

HARVEY S. ALMY.

Harvey S. Almy, senior member of the well-known firm of H. S. Almy & Co., importers of earthenware, No. 25 Park Place, died at his home, No. 31 East Sixty-second-st., on Tuesday. His death resulted from blood-poisoning, after an illness of about three months. He was sixty years old, and was born at Newport, R. I. For the last thirty years he has been actively and successfully engaged in business in this city. He was quiet and domestic in his habits, and was a member of St. Thomas's Protestant Episcopal Church. He leaves a widow. The funeral will take place on Saturday, at Newport.

DAVID F. ROCHE.

David F. Roche died on Monday at his home, No. 1,655 Lafayette-ave., Brooklyn, after an illness of ten days from pneumonia. Mr. Roche was born forty-two years ago, at Lackawaxen, Pike County, Penn., and came to New-York when twelve years old. As a boy he entered the employ of J. L. Cameron & Co., theatrical printers, at No. 57 Ann-st., in which his uncle, Maurice Harrigan, had an interest. For eighteen years he remained in the employ of the firm. He severed his connection with the firm to start in business for himself, and at the time of his death was among the best-known members of the printing trade in Brooklyn. His wife and eight children—six boys and two girls—survive him. The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock to-day at the Church of St. John the Baptist, at Willoughby and Lewis aves., where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated. The burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Mr. Roche was a member of Typographical Union, No. 98, a trustee of Brooklyn Lodge, No. 22, B. P. O. E.; Court Henry Ward Beecher, A. O. F.; Fulton Council, R. A.; Walpati Tribe of Red Men; True Friends' Lodge, No. 8; Council No. 195, Catholic Knights of America, and the Washington Relief Circle.

EZRA BOSTWICK.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Ezra Bostwick, of Union City, Mich., a millionaire and philanthropist, died yesterday at the Presbyterian Hospital in this city, where he was undergoing treatment for cancer. He was sixty years old and had lived in Michigan since 1845. He was president of the Union City National Bank and was a member of the Michigan Legislature in 1869 and 1870. Eight years ago he gave $100,000 to Albion College and five years ago he gave $50,000 to Olivet College. He also gave largely to religious objects.

DUPLICATES OF COINS FOR COLUMBIA

DETAINED IN PUBLIC STORES TO AWAIT A DECISION FROM WASHINGTON.

A case containing bronze fac-similes and plaster casts of ancient Roman coins recently arrived here from Europe. It was consigned to President Seth Low, of Columbia College, and the reproductions of antiquities were intended for the classical department of the college. President Low communicated with the Treasury Department, to find out under what classification in the new tariff the coins would come. The story got started that the coins had been declared counterfeits, and ha dbeen confiscated by the Government.

Collector Kilbreth said yesterday that officially he knew nothing about the coins. Had he been applied to in the first place, he would have passed them free of duty, as they were clearly entitled to be. In the mean time President Low is writing for information from Washington, and nothing can be done to secure the release of the coins from the Public Stores until it arrives. The coins are mounted in mahogany cases, and covered with thick glass.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

"Where are you going on your wedding journey, professor?"

"H'm; that isn't decided yet; my wife wants to go to Italy, and her mother approves of that—"

"And you?"

"I—Oh, they haven't asked me."—(Buch für Alle.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

MOUNT VERNON.

The Common Council gave a public hearing on Tuesday night on the petition of twenty-five citizens, presented two weeks ago, to establish a free public library, under the supervision of the University Regents. There were about fifty citizens present, among them Mrs. Edward Gay and eight or ten other members of the Westchester Women's Club; Dr. Jacques W. Redway, C. S. Babcock, A. Noel Blakeman, president, and a half dozen other members of the Board of Education. Alderman Tichenor, who is a prominent and favored candidate for City Judge, presided. The desire of the petitioners is to have the free circulating libraries taken from the care of the Board of Education, and to establish a library under the direction and supervision of a Board of Trustees, appointed by the Mayor. Roger M. Sherman represented the Westchester Women's Club delegates, who were instrumental in getting the petition signed, and in his remarks reflected upon the administration of the libraries under the supervision of the Board of Education; stated that there was only one librarian to look after the patrons of the library; declared that the books were neglected in care, and were in a deplorable condition; that there was needed a system of indexing the books issued, etc. Dr. S. Oscar Myers, chairman of the Committee on Library of the Board of Education, refuted the statements made by Mr. Sherman, and suggested that those who were so ready to criticise would get more reliable information by personal visits to the library. Mr. Blakeman said that he came to the meeting to listen to what the petitioners had to say, but was forced to dispute the many misstatements made by Mr. Sherman. He briefly recited the fact that the Board of Education had been endeavoring for two years to extend its public library system, even going so far as to obtain plans for a building more than a year and a half ago, but the necessary appropriation was not asked for then, because of the hard times among the people. In the mean time the circulating public libraries of the schools had been continued in a way so that the people, if they so desired, could obtain any of the books needed to read, and there were four librarians instead of one to look after them. He denied that the administration was bad, or that the books were in a deplorable condition, and declared that of the 14,000 books circulated in 1894, in one of the two libraries, the taker of the book and its title were indexed, and not a single book was lost. He added that the Board of Education had recently taken steps to put the library under the regulations of the University Regents, and under the supervision of a board of trustees composed of three members of the Board and two other citizens. W. K. Eastman, a representative of the Regents, gave information as to the requirements for a public library, and the nature of the State aid to it. Dr. Redway and George R. Lovell also spoke. Mr. Sherman offered a resolution for the Common Council to adopt, which the members characterized as "unwarranted presumption." The Council will act in the matter at its meeting next week.

YONKERS.

At the meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday night a delegation of residents in South Yonkers, through its chairman, F. S. Cook, urged that land be purchased in the southern part of the city on which to build a school. The resignation of Grace M. Horton, a teacher in School No. 7, was received. She will retire at the end of the year owing to ill-health. The Board decided to close the schools for the Christmas vacation on Friday, December 20, and open them on January 6, 1896.

The Republicans of the First Ward chose the following officers on Monday night for the ward organization: John Sells, chairman; Charles E. Hartshorn, jr., vice-chairman; G. William Curran, secretary; James B. Austin, treasurer; Stephen H. Thayer, Jere S. Clark, Charles E. Hartshorn, jr., and John Sells, members of the Republican General Committee.

Yonkers Council, Royal Arcanum, at its meeting on Monday night, elected Thomas E. Hampson regent, Sidney Welch vice regent, Dr. N. A. Warren orator, George B. Terrell secretary, Henry R. Marsden treasurer.

The annual election of officers of John C. Shotts Camp, No. 2, S. of V. S. N. Y., will be held this evening. John W. Pentreath has been nominated for captain, Joseph Andrews, jr., for first lieutenant, and A. James Bowler for second lieutenant. Nepperhan Lodge, F. and A. M., will also choose officers this evening.

A fair conducted by the Dorcas Society of St. Andrew's Memorial Church, at Ludlow, will open at the rectory this afternoon, and continue Friday. The proceeds are to aid in building the new rectory.

The King's Sons of the Westminster Presbyterian Church will conduct an entertainment this evening in the parlors of the Young Men's Christian Association. S. T. Ford will give readings and recitations.

An interesting debate between members of the Young People's Literary Society took place last night in the Messiah Baptist Church, in Ashburton Place, on the subject "Whether Boys or Girls Should Receive the Best Education at the Hands of Their Parents."

Building Inspector Kipp yesterday approved plans submitted by Charles S. Montague, ex-president of the Yonkers Electric Railroad, for a dwelling at No. 189 Shonnard Terrace, 22 feet front, 36 feet rear, and 62 feet deep, three stories high.

Captain Mangin received a telegram yesterday afternoon from the Chief of Police at Cumberland, Md., stating that Frank Yerks, supposed to have a mother and sister in this city, had been killed there in a railroad accident. The police are endeavoring to find his relatives.

STATEN ISLAND NEWS NOTES.

The Thomas syndicate has obtained a trolley franchise for Richmond-ave., in Port Richmond. The conditions are that the syndicate give common trackage to the Prohibition Park line from Jewett-ave. to the Bergen Point ferry, and the latter to give similar rights to the syndicate from Post-ave. to Prohibition Park.

A special meeting of the Republican County Committee will be held this evening in Stapleton.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Hotel Castleton on Tuesday evening next. The resolution favoring a city charter and repudiating the Greater New-York will be specially discussed and voted upon.

Monsignor Farley, of New-York, will be the recipient of a handsome crozier from the people of St. Peter's parish, New-Brighton, this evening.

An entertainment consisting of Shakespearian readings will be given shortly in aid of the Staten Island Academy.

The cornerstone of the new Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, in Port Richmond, was laid yesterday afternoon in the presence of several hundred people. Exercises were held in the old school, and an adjournment taken to the site, where the stone was laid by Read Benedict and the Rev. C. S. Ryman.

SALE OF GOODS AT THE BARGE OFFICE.

The sale, by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, of unclaimed and seized goods was continued in the seizure room in the Barge Office yesterday. There was a good attendance of buyers, and 472 lots were disposed of, bringing the proceeds for the two days up to $12,152 15. A roll of billiard cloth sold for $555, 100 cases of Rhine wine for $465, 1,024 pounds of tea for $111, and 100 glass eyes for $10. Fifty-nine cans of cocoanut and eighty-three cans of pineapple preserves consigned to Charles C. Delmonico brought $10. They were invoiced at $14 20. Mr. Delmonico would not pay the duties on the preserves. Abandoned Japanese and Russian exhibits at the World's Fair at Chicago brought very low prices.

THE PACIFIC CABLE CO.'S CAPITAL.

While the Pacific Cable Company's capital is fixed in the articles of incorporation filed at Albany at $100,000, it is the intention to increase it to $8,000,000 or $10,000,000. The proposition is to lay a cable from San Francisco to Hawaii, and thence to Japan and points on the coast of Asia, with a branch line to Australia. Steps have been taken to secure concessions for landing places in Hawaii and Japan. One of the incorporators of the company is F. H. Allen, son of the former United States Minister to Hawaii. Some time will be required in which to finance the company and arrange the details of the enterprise.

SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE'S COMPLAINT.

Little was known at the Custom House yesterday about the complaint of Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, that when he arrived at New-York on the steamship Campania, September 29, he was required by a customs inspector to make a declaration that his baggage contained nothing dutiable. It is the rule to pass the baggage of foreign emissaries without question.

The inspector who compelled Sir Julian to take oath is attached to the surveyor's staff, which has its headquarters at the Barge Office. He had received no instructions to extend courtesies to Sir Julian, and, although the Ambassador protested that he was exempted from the usual process of finding out whether the Government was entitled to collect duties on travellers' belongings, it did him no good.

A Custom House official said that the authorities at the Port of New-York should have been advised in advance of the arrival of Sir Julian, and then the inspectors would have received instructions to pass the Ambassador's baggage.

GOLD FOR GERMANY.

Gold to the amount of $1,000,000 was withdrawn from the Sub-Treasury yesterday by L. von Hoffmann & Co. for shipment to Europe by the steamship Augusta Victoria, which sails to-day. The transaction was a surprise, as the reduced rates for exchange were supposed to make it impossible to export gold at a profit. The explanation of the shipment was said to be that the Imperial Bank of Germany offered special inducements to secure gold. The bank has been losing gold recently. Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. shipped $200,000 in Spanish gold to Havana yesterday.

NO RULE BROKEN.

The question as to whether the American Tobacco Company should be called to account for its method of stopping the dividend on its common stock was before the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange yesterday. The unexpected announcement by the company on Saturday that the dividend due in February would not be paid caused great loss to both investment and speculative holders. George Arents, treasurer, and Josiah Browne, secretary, of the company were summoned before the Committee on Stock List on Tuesday. It was pointed out to them that, according to the bylaws of their company, the Board of Directors must meet and formally vote to pass the dividend. That had not been done. Officers of the company had acted on their individual responsibility. The directors met yesterday morning and voted on the question. When the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange met in the afternoon, it was decided that the company had broken no rule of the Exchange and had complied with its own bylaws, and therefore nothing could be done in the matter.

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