A DEAD HAND GUIDED TO WRITE.

TALE OF AN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO SECURE A SMALL ESTATE TOLD IN THE COURTS.

Abraham Horowitz was brought up in the Supreme Court yesterday on a writ of habeas corpus obtained for him by his lawyers, Greenthal & Greenthal, who seek to have him released from the Manhattan State Hospital, where it is alleged he is confined, although sane, without warrant of law. Dr. W. A. Macy, superintendent of the male department at the hospital, filed a return to the writ, in which he said that Horowitz was insane and should be detained. Frederick M. Evarts appeared for the hospital.

Mr. Greenthal stated to Justice Pryor that Horowitz's detention was the result of a conspiracy set on foot by Bertha Solomon, of No. 65 Willett-st., a stepsister of his late wife, in an effort to obtain control of Mrs. Horowitz's estate, amounting to about $1,500. Counsel said he was willing that Horowitz should take the stand so that the Court could be convinced of his sanity, but Justice Pryor said he would prefer to send the case to a referee. Mr. Evarts objected, on the ground that there was no fund in the hospital to pay a referee's fees, but the Justice referred the case to R. L. Pritchard, a specialist on diseases of the mind, who has recently been admitted to practice.

In a statement afterward Mr. Greenthal said that the case arose out of a contest that had been brought over the will of Lena Horowitz, the wife of the alleged insane man. Mrs. Horowitz was taken to the Beth Israel Hospital last March, and died on the 27th day of that month. When it was found that she was dying, Mr. Greenthal said, she was taken from the hospital in a cab to the home of Mrs. Solomon, her stepsister. When it was seen that she was dying, he continued, a will was drawn up in a lawyer's office near by and taken to the bedside of the woman. The woman was dead when the will was brought in, but a pen was placed in her dead hand and guided to make her mark on the instrument. Mrs. Horowitz, said Mr. Greenthal, could write her name in life, and was a woman of intelligence. Affidavits, it is asserted, have since been made by persons who assert that they looked through a keyhole and saw the whole proceeding. In the will a few hundred dollars were left to charity and the balance went to the half-sister, who was also made executrix.

Horowitz, Mr. Greenthal alleged yesterday, was in Chicago when his wife died. He was totally ignored in the will, although the woman had often said that she should have her estate on her death. The next day the will was filed with the Surrogate and Horowitz was not cited. He heard of his wife's death, however, and came on to this city. An amended petition was then filed, citing him. A contest was brought on his behalf by Greenthal, and the facts stated were set up in affidavits. Then, Greenthal alleges, a conspiracy was entered into to get rid of the husband. According to the lawyer, Horowitz was kidnapped by a lot of expressmen hired by Mrs. Solomon and taken to the Essex Market Police Court, where he was committed to Bellevue to have his sanity inquired into. He was sent from there to the Manhattan State Hospital.

From the hospital, Horowitz's lawyer stated, the prisoner wrote letters to him, in which he said that unless he was taken out he would soon be really insane. The writ of habeas corpus to be argued before the referee was then obtained.

A PERMANENT CHAIRMAN FOR THE C. L. U.

The desirability of appointing a permanent chairman for the Central Labor Union will be discussed at the meeting of the Union in Clarendon Hall to-day for the first time in the history of that body since it came into existence, in 1881, and the probability is that a permanent chairman will be appointed. When the Union was first organized it was decided that a permanent chairmanship might lead to abuses, and would not be democratic enough, but the debates recently have caused so many turbulent scenes that the majority of the delegates are convinced that a radical change must be adopted. This they think can only be brought about by the appointment of a permanent chairman, well versed in parliamentary law, to preside over the discussions, hence the innovation which will probably be introduced into the Union to-day.

THE INCREASED POLICE APPROPRIATION.

The Police Commissioners have asserted that the enormous increase in the appropriation for their Department for 1897 over that for 1896 is due largely to causes over which they have no control. About 97 per cent of the appropriation is for the salary account, they say, and the Legislature is responsible for the increase in the number and salaries of policemen. In 1894, when the appropriation for police salaries was $4,858,257 64, the Legislature raised the salaries, so that the appropriation for 1895 was $5,508,152 30, an increase of $739,894 66 for practically the same number of men. In 1896 the Legislature, by special enactment, increased the number of policemen in the city by authorizing the appointment of 800 new men, while the appointment of 200 additional new policemen was authorized by a former law. The salary appropriation for 1897 was thus brought up to $6,651,689 08. The present Commissioners supported the demand for the increase in the police force on the plea that more policemen were needed for the newly annexed district.

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REAL ESTATE.

TOTAL SALES OF THE WEEK.

SETH LOW'S MILLION-DOLLAR DEAL—PROPERTY DISPOSED OF AT PRIVATE CONTRACT.

The sales of real estate at private contract for the week ending yesterday amounted to about $1,750,000, as compared with the corresponding week of 1895 of $2,400,000. The auction sales for the week amounted to $812,625, as compared with the corresponding week of 1895 of $447,772.

No further facts are known as to the trade made by Seth Low in which he gives the Hamilton and Franklin office buildings in Brooklyn for a high-class office building in this city. It was learned yesterday that the last-named building is not in Broadway. The aggregate value of all the properties included in the deal is said to be more than $1,000,000. The Hamilton Building is a five-story old-style building, occupying a plot 93.4x140.5, on the northwest corner of Court and Joralemon sts., opposite the City Hall, and the Franklin is a new eight-story building at No. 186 Remsen-st., south side, 100 feet west of Court-st., on a plot 50x100. The Franklin Building was put up in 1890 by A. A. Low, the father of Seth Low.

At private contract Golding & Whitehouse sold for H. H. Cook to Louise M. Pollock, the lot 25x100 on the east side of Fifth-ave., 102 feet north of Seventy-eighth-st. Mr. Cook is also the owner of the adjoining corner at Seventy-eighth-st. and Fifth-ave., the plot being 102x150.

John Conley has sold his four-story stone front residence, lot 19x102.2, No. 217 West Seventy-first-st., on private terms.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

128th-st, s s, 325 ft w of 7th-ave, 50x ½ block; Marietta H Hall to Anna M Hobbs	$10,000
114th-st, s s, 175 ft w of 7th-ave, as widened, 75x100.11; John J Mahony to John Shields	26,250
West End-ave, w s, 42.10 ft n of 96th-st, 16.8x100; Edward W Crittenden, referee, to Margaret W Folsom	17,300
West End-ave, w s, 59.6 ft n of 96th-st, 16.8x100; same to same	17,300
West End-ave, w s, 76.2 ft n of 96th-st, 16.8x100; George A Simpson and wife to George V N Baldwin	1
West End-ave, w s, 109.6 ft n of 96th-st, 16.8x100; same to Henry E Jones	1
West End-ave, w s, 92.10 ft n of 96th-st, 16.8x100; same to same	1
West End-ave, w s, 76.2 ft n of 96th-st, 16.8x100; Edward Schenck, referee, to George A Simpson	16,625
West End-ave, w s, 92.10 ft n of 96th-st, 16.8x100; same to same	16,625
West End-ave, w s, 109.6 ft n of 96th-st, 16.8x100; same to same	17,075
Manhattan-st, s s, 101.5 ft w of Manhattan-ave, 20.5x80.11x irregular; Joseph E Senior to Edward Jenkins	1
West End-ave, w s, 25.2 ft n of 96th-st, 17.8x100; Edward W Crittenden, referee, to Margaret W Folsom	17,300
Lot C, Block 24, map of Pelham Park; Ella B Dennison to William D Baldwin	155
Lot 43, map of Cedric Park, 24th Ward; Caroline E. Moore to John H. Doherty	1
123d-st, s s, 324.3 ft e of 8th-ave, 13.10x100; Welton C. Perry, referee, to Mary H Heath	13,000
Land in 23d Ward on dividing line, Emma S Faile and Walter Chisholm, 219.9 ft e of Prospect-ave, 125x38.6xirregular; John P Curley to Frederick Curley	1
Plot in 24th Ward in east boundary line of plot 8, map land of Alfred J Taylor and William D Beck, et al, 120.6 ft n of 180th-st, runs e 50x w 165x n e 58.4x s 135; Catharine R Appleton to William G Appleton	10
2d-ave, e s, 25 ft n of 10th-st, 100.9xirregular; Edward D O'Brien, referee, to New-York City Baptist Mission Society	88,000
7th-st, s s, 91.6 ft e of 10th-ave, 21.8x90.10; Hendict A. Klein and wife to Joseph L. Buttenwieser	17,500
Avenue C, No. 131, Mary J Dodin to William F Clare	15,500
Avenue B, No. 247, same to same	9,750
24th-st, n s, 100 ft w of 2d-ave, 16.8x98.9; John M Reid and wife to Maurice Reid	2
135th-st, No. 623 East, John Brady to James A Brady	1
65th-st, s s, 150 ft e of 10th-ave, 24x100.5; Mary J Clapp and another to James G Coburn	1
94th-st, s s, 393.6 ft w of Central Park West, 17x100.8; Emma Ambler and another to Jeanette T Grenell	1
Lexington-ave, w s, 50.9 ft s of 94th-st, 16.7x75; Caroline Lichtenberger to Jeremiah C Doty	1
81st-st, s s, 75 ft e of Avenue A, 25x51; August Vahlen to Frank Vahlen	1
95th-st, s s, 235 ft e of 4th-ave, 18x100.8; Henrietta Harris to Jacob Simmons	1
139th-st, s s, 98.6 ft e of 11th-ave, 23.6x99.11; Charles Borst, et al, to Bartholomew J Rice	4,500

RECORDED MORTGAGES.

Aaron, Pauline, to Nathan E Clark, No 170 West 135th-st, 1 year	$4,500
Anzelone, Pietro, and wife to Giovanni Lordi, s s 102d-st, 100 ft e of 3d-ave, 2 years	2,000
Appleton, William G, to Catharine R Appleton, plot in 24th Ward at point in east boundary line of Plot 8, map lands of Alfred J Taylor et al, 120.6 ft from s s 184th-st, 3 years	9,000
Burke, Catharine M, and another to American Surety Co, New York, n s 19th-st, 93.10 ft w of Avenue A, secures bond on contract	10,000
Balfour, Mary A, and another to Kate Green, s s 24th-st, 54 ft e of 10th-ave, leasehold	4,750
Same to same, s s 24th-st, 90 ft e of 10th-ave, leasehold	4,750
Clare, William F, to Mary J Dodin, No 131 Avenue C, 1 year	3,680
Same to same, No 247 Avenue B, 1 year	3,580
Gosenheimer, Isabelle, to M R Vedder, No 307 West 118th-st, 3 years	15,000
Grote, Catherine, to George W Grote, s s 165th-st, 146 w of Trinity-ave, demand	500
Johnston, Edward L, et al to Caroline A Blair, e s Bathgate-ave, 150.10 ft s of 179th-st, re-recorded, 1½ years	880
Lawyer, Ida C, to North River Savings Bank, s s 323d-st, 302.6 ft w of 8th-ave, 1 year	1,000
Link, Fannie G, to Alexander Cash, No 184 West End-ave, 2 years	10,000
Graff, Eva P, to Louise D Simpson et al, trustees, s s 80th-st, 369 ft e of Amsterdam-ave, 2 mortgages, 4 years	40,000
McKelvey, John, to Jane J Thayer, et al, executors, etc, e s 10th-ave, 50.5 ft n of 43d-st, 5 years	28,000
Sparling, Jeremiah, to Agnes Sparling, w s Washington-st, lot 104, map D A Landons, 1 year	2,000
Simmons, Jacob, and wife to John B Levacher, No 130 East 95th-st, instalments	4,000
Shields, John, to John J Mahoney, s s 114th-st, 175 ft w of 7th-ave, 1 year	23,250
Stimpson, George A, to Charles W Mead, et al, No 647 to 651 West End-ave, 3 mortgages, 3 years	46,000
Wood, Henry S, to Louis M Jones, No 112 to 116 Reecker-st, 1 year	42,500

BUILDING PLANS FILED.

The following plans for new buildings and alterations were filed to-day:

New Buildings (main office).

15th-st, n e cor 11th-ave, for a one-story brick office building, 14x16, by Central R R of N J, owners and architects; E B Jencks & Co, builders	$700

Alterations (main office).

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