## WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

### MOUNT VERNON.

The Mount Vernon Bureau of Charities is just completing its fifth year, and is preparing to move into a new home of its own at Ninth-ave. and First-st. The Bureau consists of a day nursery, industrial school and penny provident fund, all of which, with the main organization, will go into one building. The deed will be transferred on February 15, and the first instalment of $7,500 paid on the property, after which a general canvass will be made to collect the remainder. The fund has been started with subscriptions of $100 each from J. M. Anderson, Mrs. C. L. Adams, M. L. Sykes, M. C. Kellogg and Charles H. Wilson; $200 from C. L. Adams, $50 each from D. W. Whitmore and Jesse Lantz, and $25 each from Dr. M. S. Page and E. A. Howland. The present work of the society is systematic and satisfactory, providing employment for idle men and assistance and comforts in worthy cases. The day nursery, established last year, cares for more than twenty-five children, who receive food and clean clothing and kindergarten instructions for five cents a day or less, where two or more children of the same family are in attendance. The industrial school for the older children furnishes employment for nearly ninety girls and boys, whose earnings are deposited in the Penny Provident Fund. The entire work is conducted for less than $2,000 a year, and this amount is secured by entertainments, fairs and subscriptions, under the auspices of the officers: Mrs. G. C. Hoffman is the president; Mrs. F. S. Craigie, vice-president; Mrs. C. S. Van Court, second vice-president; Mrs. L. S. Blake, recording secretary; Mrs. I. W. Ferris, corresponding secretary; Mrs. S. P. Patterson, treasurer, and the directors are Mrs. C. L. Adams, Mrs. A. G. Ham, Mrs. F. T. Davis, Mrs. C. McLean, Mrs. William Wilson, jr., Mrs. A. Hebbard, Mrs. D. D. Russell, Mrs. J. S. Wood and Mrs. A. C. Montague.

### WHITE PLAINS.

The annual report of the Amackassin Club, of Yonkers, formerly the Yonkers Lawn Tennis Club, was filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday. The officers of the corporation are Walter E. Hodgman, president; Lizzie E. Reid, vice-president; Schuyler A. Bogart, treasurer, and Anson Baldwin, secretary. According to the report of the directors the total valuation of the property of the club is $25,088 90, and its liabilities $20,380.

In the Board of Supervisors yesterday morning Supervisor See's resolution directing the Special Committee of the Board on Legislation to urge the passage by the Legislature of a State Aid Road bill, came up for final consideration. Supervisor Robinson's amendment to the effect that the expense of constructing and improving highways in this State should be borne, 50 per cent by the State at large, 20 per cent by the county in which the road is built, 20 per cent by the town and 10 per cent by the property immediately benefited, was defeated by a vote of 25 to 2. The original resolution, in which the expense was apportioned so that the State shall pay 50 per cent of the cost, the county 30 per cent, the town 15 and the property benefited 5 per cent, was adopted by a vote of 17 to 8. The resolution does not approve of the appointment of a State Commission to supervise the work of road improvement under the proposed law, but leaves the matter entirely in the hands of the Board of Supervisors of the county in which such improvements may be made.

County Judge Smith Lent is engaged in hearing testimony in the appeal of certain taxpayers in the town of East Chester against the findings of the commissioners appointed to carry out the Midland-ave. drainage improvement in that town. Yesterday Assessors Michael McNamara and John Gorman testified that, in their opinion, the lands of William B. Lawrence, affected by the improvement, had increased in value $100 an acre by such drainage.

### MAMARONECK.

Mrs. Sarah Buckter, fifty-nine years old, widow of Jacob Buckter, died on Monday night. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at the home of the Rev. E. C. Hoag, of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Buckter leaves one son, Charles Buckter, Village Clerk, who has also been critically ill. In the illness of Mr. Buckter and his mother, his young wife, Margaret Shore Buckter, died, and was buried last week in her wedding dress.

### DOBBS FERRY.

A number of prominent Republicans of this village are candidates for the postmastership, to succeed Charles G. Storms, and much rivalry exists. Among those mentioned are John L. Travis; James L. Taylor, Editor of "The Dobbs Ferry Register"; William Johnston and James M. Embree.

### ELMSFORD.

The fire which destroyed the home of Charles Baumsellmeyer, in Elmsford Park, on Sunday evening has aroused the citizens of this place to action, and about fifty met in the Public School building on Monday evening for the purpose of organizing a volunteer fire company. After much discussion the following officers were elected: William T. Hallenbeck, president; H. A. Lorenz, secretary; Philip Hamilton, treasurer; George L. Miles, foreman; Joseph Hamilton, assistant foreman. Another meeting will be held in the Post-office this evening for the purpose of receiving additional members and to take action toward obtaining apparatus and headquarters.

## *LITTLE KNOWN ABOUT THE "AMERICANS."*

THE BRANCH REPORTED ORGANIZED IN KENTUCKY SUPPOSED TO BE A PART OF THE ANTI-CIVIL SERVICE LEAGUE.

Certain dispatches from Kentucky in yesterday's papers saying that a State branch of the secret association called "Americans" had been organized in the Blue Grass State are supposed to refer to efforts making to extend the Anti-Civil Service League, formed last summer in Washington. "We suppose that this is the case," said George McAneny, secretary of the National Civil Service Reform League, yesterday afternoon. "If it isn't, then nobody knows what it is. We welcome all such organizations. They convict themselves of the foolishness of their objects out of their own mouths. I have no doubt that the Anti-Civil Service League has many members. The spoils system has always been popular with the spoilsmen. But when they make their arguments it is very easy to show upon what misrepresentation of facts they stand. I shouldn't wonder if the men who call themselves the enemies of Civil Service, but who mean that they object to Civil Service Reform, would have a National convention next year, and we hope they will. It would be the best thing that ever happened to Civil Service Reform. Let the opponents of Civil Service Reform get together. Let them say what they stand for, and let the people judge. We haven't heard of any recent developments on the part of the enemies of Civil Service Reform, but we shouldn't be surprised at anything they might do. The more they do the better it is for our cause."

The Anti-Civil Service League was formed last summer in Washington. A. M. Clapp, of Illinois, a former Public Printer, to whose disadvantage Civil Service Reform had worked, was elected president. Senator Gallinger, of New-Hampshire, and Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, were elected honorary members.

## *THE COOGAN SUIT UP AGAIN.*

COUNSEL DISTURBED BY A STATEMENT THAT ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS IS TRANSFERRING HER PROPERTY.

The hearing of the suit of Edward V. Coogan against his brother, James J. Coogan, and Mrs. Sarah Lynch, the mother-in-law of the latter brother, was continued before the referee in the case for a short time yesterday, the plaintiff being placed under cross-examination, but the cross-examining counsel was soon compelled to ask for an adjournment to obtain documents with which to continue. This is the suit in which the plaintiff charges the two defendants with conspiracy to defraud him out of his rights. Among other things, the plaintiff declares that James J. Coogan's failure in the furniture business was fraudulent.

As the hearing closed, plaintiff's counsel, ex-Judge Curtis, said he had just been informed that articles of conveyance of the property at One-hundred-and-fifty-seventh-st., known as the Polo Grounds, had been filed, by which the big tract was conveyed by Mrs. Lynch to her daughter. The plaintiff and his counsel were much perturbed by the news, and it was explained that in case of a decision of the suit in their favor the amount of property subject to attachment would be greatly reduced by the transfer. Counsel for the defendants, however, declared that Mrs. Lynch still had a large tract above the Speedway, which was worth over a million dollars, besides other property. The tract conveyed, counsel said, amounted only to about one-fifth of Mrs. Lynch's holdings.

## *MISS KIDDER'S COMPANY DISBANDS.*

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Kathryn Kidder, the actress, is sick at the home of friends in this city. Her company has been disbanded and sent back to New-York. Last Thursday she appeared at the Fourteenth Street Theatre, in this city, in "Loves at War." The play was not well received by the critics, and the disappointment is said to have caused her sickness. After leaving St. Louis, the company went over into Illinois. At Belleville last night Miss Kidder decided to disband her company. She paid the salaries and the fares to New-York, and then came to St. Louis.

## *"DAN" DALY REPORTED BETTER.*

Boston, Dec. 28.—The condition of "Dan" Daly, the comedian, who was injured last evening by a fall on the stage at the Park Theatre, was said to be much improved by the hospital physicians to-day. The doctors said, however, that it would be some days before he could leave the hospital.


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## *RAILROAD INTERESTS.*

### OFFICERS OF THE R., W. AND O. R. R.

The old directors of the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg Railroad were re-elected yesterday. The directors organized by selecting the following officers: Charles Parsons, president; Clarence S. Day and Charles Parsons, jr., vice-presidents; Edwin Parsons, treasurer and assistant secretary, and J. A. Lawyer, secretary.

### CHARLESTON AND WESTERN CAROLINA SOLD.

Thomas F. Ryan yesterday confirmed the report from Augusta, Ga., that he and General Samuel Thomas had sold the Charleston and Western Carolina Railroad to interests identified with the Atlantic Coast Line. The terms of the sale were not disclosed. The Charleston and Western Carolina extends from Port Royal, S. C., to Augusta, Ga., with an extension northward to Spartanburg, S. C. It adds nearly 350 miles to the mileage of the Atlantic Coast Line system.

### UNION PACIFIC OFFICES IN NEW-YORK.

The main offices of the Union Pacific Railway, which are now in Boston, will be in New-York after the reorganization of the company is completed. The change will be made in about two months.

## *COURT MOVED IN SPITE OF THE JUSTICE.*

CITY JUDGE ADAM E. SCHATZ RETURNED TOO LATE—MOUNT VERNON'S MAYOR DECLARED IN CONTEMPT FOR HIS PART IN THE AFFAIR.

The controversy between City Judge Adam E. Schatz and the Mayor and Aldermen of Mount Vernon, brought about by the refusal of the City Judge to remove the court from the postoffice building to the new municipal building, reached a climax yesterday afternoon.

A party of city officials, contractors and laborers, led by Mayor Edwin W. Fiske, visited the courtroom in the absence of the Judge and tore the furniture and fixtures from their places and loaded them on trucks and removed them to the new building.

Judge Schatz had kept his court almost in continuous session since Sunday, when he learned by accident of the plot to move the office by force. He also had officers stationed at the entrance of the building to see that no truck or wagon should approach unawares, and threatened to fine and imprison for contempt any one who attempted to molest the records. Yesterday morning his supply of prisoners became exhausted, and about 10 o'clock he left the clerk, William J. Collins, and City Marshal Frederick Von Garrell in charge, and visited his office in this city.

The moving party ignored the officers in charge, and, unheeding their warnings and protests, began moving the goods and placing them on the sidewalk. Judge Schatz was informed by telephone, and when he returned at 1 o'clock everything had been taken except the rostrum and the safe, and the men were busy making the ropes fast to lower them out of the window. The Judge threw off his overcoat, and, removing his silk hat, mounted the upturned rostrum and called the court to order.

"Every one in this courtroom," said he, "is in contempt."

Corporation Counsel Marshall addressed the Judge, reciting the action of the Common Council and the law under which the Mayor and clerk had acted. Judge Schatz replied that his powers exceeded those of the Mayor, and, calling to the Marshal, he ordered him to place Mayor Fiske under arrest. Marshal Von Garrell seized the Mayor and attempted to drag him to the upturned bar of justice. Then there was a struggle, but, on the advice of the Corporation Counsel, the athletic head of the city government yielded and faced the little Judge, who had searched vainly for his misplaced gavel and was pounding on the dismantled bar with his fists.

"I declare you guilty of contempt," shouted Judge Schatz, "and will fix the amount of your fine in the morning. In the mean time, you are released on your own recognizance."

He then left the courtroom, and the Mayor continued to direct the men in the removal of the articles, declaring that he would give no attention to the order to appear in the morning. Judge Schatz declares that it was a lack of courtesy for the officials not to have waited until he received the opinion of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. There is a large barroom beneath the new quarters, and it has been contended that it is not legal for him to hold court in a building where liquor is sold. The proprietor of the saloon holds a lease for two years, and refuses to move.

If the Judge is sustained he declares that he will fine Mayor Fiske to the full amount allowed by law, as well as all others who took an active part in the proceedings.

## *REPORT ON BARREN ISLAND NUISANCES.*

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of Health was held in the Imperial Hotel yesterday afternoon. Dr. Orvil Lewis, of Brooklyn, in a communication informed the Board that he had made an examination of the fish factory on Barren Island which had been complained of as a nuisance and a menace to the health of the public. Dr. Lewis said that the nuisance on Barren Island had been entirely abated for the present. It was decided that copies of Dr. Lewis's report be sent to the anti-Barren Island League. Dr. George Fowler, in behalf of the Antitoxin Committee, reported that the committee had informed the various manufacturers of antitoxin regarding the supervision, while in course of manufacture, and the sale of the material in New-York State.

Dr. Fowler said the manufacturers were in hearty sympathy with the Board on the antitoxin question, and promised to aid the Board in the carrying out of the scheme to have antitoxin tested before having it offered for sale. Dr. Fowler reported progress and asked that in the absence of reports on the subject from local bacteriologists the matter go over until to-day, when the committee will meet with the Health Board in the New Criminal Court Building.

On motion of Dr. Smelzer the Board adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the rooms of the City Board of Health.

## *STATEN ISLAND HAPPENINGS.*

The Board of Supervisors yesterday held a meeting and adopted the county budget. It amounted to $467,617 27. From the original amount $50,000 was subtracted on the theory that that amount of back tax would be collected in the next few days. The Board apportioned the town taxes as follows: Northfield, $102,958 53; Castleton, $153,219 89; Middletown, $97,044 41; Southfield, $91,931 74; Westfield, $102,958 53. The sums are increased slightly over those of last year.

Somebody played a joke on the officials of the two rival trolley roads—the Midland and Staten Island Electric—on Monday night. It was reported that there was to be a move in the South-st. fight on the part of one of the companies. The Midland feared that its rails would be ripped up, and the rival road feared that the Midland would connect its disconnected rails. Both companies gathered a force of several hundred men, and prepared to make a resistance. The officials and their workmen stayed up until daybreak, and then started for home disgusted.

Richmond Post, G. A. R., will install its officers and give its annual entertainment on January 18.

## *IN MEMORY OF PRINCESS HOHENLOHE.*

Berlin, Dec. 28.—All the members of the staff of the United States Embassy to-day attended the celebration of a requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Princess Hohenlohe, who died on Tuesday last.

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## *HOME NEWS.*

### PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

ALBEMARLE—The Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks, of Boston. ASTOR—Ex-Governor James E. Campbell of Ohio. BUCKINGHAM—John Russell Young, Librarian of Congress. FIFTH AVENUE—Dr. Selden H. Talcott, of Middletown, N. Y. GRAND—Ex-Senator Edmund O'Connor, of Binghamton. HOFFMAN—Morton Chase, of Albany. HOLLAND—Oliver Ames, of Boston. MANHATTAN—J. Henry Thayer, of Cambridge, Mass. SAVOY—Henry W. Farnham, of New-Haven. WALDORF—William C. Pullman, of Chicago. WINDSOR—J. Newton Fiero, of Albany.

### WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Rapid Transit Commissioners, 3 p. m.

First Reformed Presbyterian Church anniversary.

American Mathematical Society, Columbia University.

Children's carnival, Carnegie Lyceum, 2 p. m.

Dinner for Park Police Captain Collins, Columbia Restaurant, 11:30 p. m.

Annual meeting of Jewish Historical Society, Temple Emanu-El, 8 p. m.

Church Club meeting, clubrooms, 8 p. m.

Episcopal archdeaconry, Grace Church.

Mass-meeting of Hebrews, Hebrew Institute, 7 p. m.

Dinner for Jacob Worth, Clarendon Hotel, Brooklyn, 7 p. m.

Intercollegiate chess tournament, No. 24 East Fifty-first-st., 2 p. m.

### NEW-YORK CITY.

The annual meeting and dinner of the Rutgers College Alumni Association will be held at Delmonico's, Fifth-ave. and Forty-fourth-st., on January 7, at 6:30 p. m. Among the guests who have promised to be present and speak are Frederick Adams, Judge of the Court of Errors of New-Jersey, and Thornwell Mullaley, representing Yale University. A. Hobart Smock, '95, will sing.

The Charity Organization Society acknowledges with thanks the following contributions in response to its appeal in behalf of the poor widow and her family: "I. B.," $100; "J. B. G." and William E. Iselin, $10 each; "D. T.," "A. M. S.," "C. A. C.," "C. U.," "In His Name," "Cash" and "S. C. L.," $5 each; "J. B.," $2; "A. M.," K. Oland and "Cash," $1 each. Sufficient money has now been received for this case. The society also acknowledges with thanks the receipt of $5 from "Letasi" to be used for coal.

The twenty-seventh annual volume of "The Textile Manufacturers' Directory of the United States and Canada," just issued, contains complete lists of all the woollen, cotton, silk, jute, flax and linen manufacturers in the United States and Canada, and of all the dealers and brokers in raw material, drygoods commission merchants, jobbers and retailers, city offices and agencies of manufacturing concerns, dyers, bleachers, finishers and printworks of textile fabrics.

A decision handed down by Justice Smith in the Supreme Court yesterday vacates a deed of the business at No. 29 Gramercy Park, made to Mrs. Emily E. Wood by her husband, John Wood, so far as Frederick St. John, as receiver, and Mrs. Mary F. King are concerned. The suit to set aside the deed was brought by St. John, who alleged that the consideration paid was insufficient and that the conveyance was in violation of the rights of Mrs. King.

"The New-York Dry Goods Record" announces its revised estimate of the cotton yield this season as 10,257,030 bales. In October it estimated the crop at 9,271,332 bales.

The Sinking Fund Commission, as at present organized, held its last regular meeting in the Mayor's office yesterday, and voted to renew the lease of the quarters in the "Staats-Zeitung" Building, now occupied by the Law Department, for two years from May 1.

The classes of Durland's Riding Academy, at Fifty-ninth-st. and the Boulevard, will give an exhibition of riding at the academy this evening at 8 o'clock. About one hundred persons will take part. Some of the principal features will be high-school riding, vaulting and an exhibition of the saddle horses of the school that won prizes at the last Horse Show. Each woman rider will receive a handsome present from a Christmas tree near the ring.

## *THE EAST SIDE COLONIZATION PLAN.*

UNEMPLOYED TAILORS GREATLY EXCITED OVER IT—MR. SCHOENFELD'S VIEW.

More than one thousand tailors, members of the United Brotherhood of that craft, flocked yesterday morning to No. 104 Orchard-st., having been aroused by the report that a home in the near future awaited them in a colony to be established for their use by the Baron de Hirsch fund. A great commotion prevailed for a time in and around the Orchard-st. headquarters. Meyer Schoenfeld, business manager of the United Brotherhood of Tailors, who alone could satisfy the anxious tailors as to the report, was late in coming to his office. In the mean time Joseph Fox, an ex-policeman, who is doing duty as sergeant-at-arms in the employ of the Brotherhood of Tailors, had all he could do to bring order out of the confusion among the army of unemployed tailors who blocked the doorways and thronged the rooms.

The anxiety of the crowd was, however, partially allayed when Schoenfeld, after his arrival, informed his followers that the project of establishing a colony such as had been reported was contemplated, and that steps were being taken tending toward the carrying out of the scheme. Schoenfeld, who has given his approval of the matter, said yesterday morning:

"If the different institutions, instead of giving relief to individual families, would invest in the carrying out of such a scheme as is contemplated by the Baron de Hirsch fund, the labor market, as far as the tailors are concerned, would not be overcrowded to-day. There is a surplus of tailors within the Greater New-York territory aggregating at least ten thousand, who are actually unable to procure employment for more than six months the year round."

Schoenfeld said that it was within his knowledge that a certain land company had been negotiating with the Baron de Hirsch fund with a view to the establishment of the proposed colony, in which each tailor, it is contemplated, will have a small patch of ground on which to raise potatoes and other vegetables.

## *A FIREMAN'S NARROW ESCAPE.*

Engineer Samuel Roxbury, of Engine No. 29, had a narrow escape from death during the Duane-st. fire on Monday night. His engine was working at the hydrant at Broadway and Reade-st. Three horses were attached to it, and the driver had left them for a moment while he went to the fuel-wagon for supplies. A hose burst in front of the horses, frightening them, and they started on a run down Reade-st. Roxbury in trying to stop the animals was dragged along at a furious pace. Two policeman stopped the horses near Church-st. and rescued Roxbury, who was suffering from many bruises and a badly cut hand. After the horses were quieted they were driven back to the fire, when the engine resumed work in subduing the flames.

## *THE VACANT SCHOOL COMMISSIONERSHIP.*

A report that Henry Rice, of No. 19 East Sixty-sixth-st., had been appointed School Commissioner, to succeed James Speyer, who recently resigned, could not be verified last night, since Mayor Strong refused to be seen, and Mr. Rice had not returned from a trip to St. Louis. At Mr. Rice's house nothing definite regarding the appointment was known, according to a member of the family. If any official letter had been sent to Mr. Rice, it was said, the letter must have been sent to his office. Mr. Rice is engaged in the drygoods business at No. 53 Franklin-st.

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## *BISCHOFF KNOWS HE'S RUINED.*

SAYS HE WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO PRACTISE LAW IF RELEASED FROM BLOOMINGDALE—UNDER EXAMINATION AGAIN.

Franklin J. Bischoff, the lawyer, into whose mental condition a Sheriff's jury is inquiring, on the petition of his brother, Justice Bischoff, of the Supreme Court, was again on the witness-stand yesterday. He got into trouble about two years ago over an alleged misappropriation of funds committed to his care by clients, and was arrested, but was later sent to Bloomingdale Asylum. Bischoff now bitterly resents his incarceration, and says that he would prefer to go to jail for his offences than return to the asylum.

Bischoff admitted yesterday that since he had been in Bloomingdale his brother had been paying $1,000 a year for his care and treatment there, and that his brother had paid for his support and that of his wife and two children. He also admitted that he probably did wrong to his clients a few years ago, but said he wanted to make reparation and restitution.

"I do not intend to resume law practise if released," said the witness, "for I know my reputation was ruined, but I am a handy man at many things, and believe I would not have any trouble in making a good living."

He went on to say that the relations between himself and Justice Bischoff had been cold for many years. Sometimes they would not meet once in six months, and that Judge Bischoff would then only nod at him.

"I often went to his office to see him," said witness, "but he was always too busy to see me."

"What could your brother or any of your family gain by keeping you in Bloomingdale?" he was asked.

"I don't really know," said Bischoff, "but I am convinced that there must be some motive in keeping me there and keeping me from my wife and family."

The respondent said he had had "the usual differences which arise between man and wife" in his family. He went on to say that he had made several efforts to see his father, Henry Bischoff, the banker, who is an invalid, but had never been able to see him, although he believed that his father was anxious to have him admitted to his presence. The examination was then adjourned until to-day.

## *COLLIS EVADES THE RESPONSIBILITY.*

PREFERS THAT HIS SUCCESSOR PASS UPON CERTAIN RAPID TRANSIT SPECIFICATIONS.

General Collis, the Commissioner of Public Works, has declined to approve the draft of the specifications for construction of the underground rapid transit road, showing the changes which must be made in the sewers and water pipes. He has sent to William Barclay Parsons, the chief engineer of the Rapid Transit Commission, a letter making the following statements:

I have very carefully gone over that portion of your "second preliminary draft of specifications for the construction of underground railway" which applies to the sewers, water-mains, pavements, street railway tracks, gas mains and other surfaces of sub-surface structures which are under the care of this department, and while I approve of the same as amended at the suggestion of my engineers, I do not feel that there is any present necessity that I should officially approve the document as a whole. I prefer that the subject should be left for revision by the heads of departments appointed under the new administration.

A conference between the Rapid Transit Commission and its engineer and the Commissioner of Public Works and his engineer was held a few weeks ago in regard to this matter, and the preliminary specifications were changed to suit the Department of Public Works. General Collis expressed himself as satisfied then with the changed specifications, but has now refused to become officially responsible for them.

It was reported yesterday that a fourth syndicate had decided to bid for the tunnel contract if the terms of the bond could be satisfactorily arranged. No information could be gathered concerning the men interested in the syndicate, the Rapid Transit Commissioners preserving the same secrecy that they have observed regarding the syndicates already in the field. Lewis L. Delafield, secretary of the Commission, said yesterday that it was unlikely that the Contract Committee would complete its labors in time to report to the Commission recommending a course of action next week.

## *MOBILE'S NEW POSTMASTER SWORN IN.*

THE LONG FIGHT FOR POSSESSION OF THE OFFICE ENDED.

Mobile, Ala., Dec 28.—Postmaster P. D. Barker was installed in office before daylight this morning, after an all-night vigil in the postoffice. The inspectors arrived last night, overhauled the accounts and found that they were correct. This morning they took possession, and swore in Mr. Barker and the employes on arrival. Two of the employes refused to take oath under the new postmaster and were suspended. Colonel Rapier, who claims to hold the office by virtue of Section 3,830 of the Revised Statutes, which requires that removals before expiration of term must be by the advice and consent of the Senate, sued out a writ of injunction in the United States Circuit Court. The plea was that Barker was not postmaster, because Rapier had not been legally removed and Barker's name had not been sent to the Senate. Rapier asked that Barker be enjoined from interfering with him in the discharge of his duties as postmaster. Judge Toulmin refused to grant the injunction.

## *LUETGERT STENOGRAPHERS ON STRIKE.*

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Stenographers employed by the defence in the Luetgert case have struck. They did not appear in court when the case was called today, and the defence may have to depend on the notes taken by the State's attorneys' stenographers if it is found necessary to take the case to the Supreme Court. Mr. Harmon, it is said, will ask the Court to request the State to furnish the defence with a copy of the testimony each day on the ground that Luetgert has no money to pay for stenographers, and that the life of the prisoner will be imperilled unless provision is made to protect his rights.

## *COURT CALENDARS FOR TO-DAY.*

Appellate Division—Supreme Court—Recess.

Supreme Court—Appellate Term—Before Daly, P. J., McAdam and Bischoff, jr., JJ.—Court opens at 10:30 a. m. Motion, No. 2. Appeals from district courts—Nos. 47, 9, 22, 29, 41, 46, 48, 52, 53, 12, 23, 28, 32, 49.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part I—Before Beekman, J.—Motion calendar called at 10:30 a. m.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part II—Before Smyth, J.—Court opens at 10:30 a. m. Ex-parte matters.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part III—Before Truax, J. Divorces: Nos. 5980, 5982, 5989, 5991, 5992, 5995, 5996, 5997, 6000, 5958, 5795, 5799, 5519, 5540, 5537, 5993, 4744. Clear.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Parts IV, V, VI and VII.—Adjourned for the term.

Supreme Court—Trial Term—Parts I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI and XII—Adjourned for the term.

Surrogate's Court—Chambers—Before Fitzgerald, S.—Court opens at 10:30 a. m. No day calendar. Wills for probate: Margaret Bruns, Peter Long, Marks Levy, Arno Lissenberg and Albert Guerin, at 10:30 a. m.; Francis Patterson and James Fraser, at 11 a. m.; Sarah Ryan, at 2 p. m.

Surrogate's Court—Trial Term—Before Arnold, S.—No 280, estate of Thomas Dugan, at 10:30 a. m.

City Court—Special Term—Before Schuchman, J.—Court opens at 10 a. m. Motions at 10:30 a. m.

City Court—General Term—Adjourned sine die.

City Court—Trial Term—Part V—Before Conlan, J.—Short causes: Nos. 3641, 2959, 3952, 3874. Clear.

City Court—Trial Term—Parts I, II and III—Adjourned sine die.

REFEREES APPOINTED.

Supreme Court.

By Beekman, J.

Conaty agt. Conaty—Francis B. Delehanty.
Matter of Nissen—James J. Neaila.
Matter of Schneider—Stephen H. Keating.

By Smyth, J.

Matter of Edwards—Charles B Hubbell.
Merchants' National Bank agt. Columbia Spinning Company—Steven G. Williams.


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## *ANOTHER COAL STRIKE IMMINENT.*

HALF THE MINERS IN THE PITTSBURG DISTRICT EXPECTED TO GO OUT—SIGNING THE UNIFORMITY AGREEMENT.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Forty per cent of the Pittsburg district coal operators have signed a legal document binding them to uniformity, and expect to be operating under the new plan by January 1. The signers will meet on Thursday to ratify their signatures and get matters in shape for the new year. Enough signatures have been secured to convince the promoters of the scheme that it can be pushed to success. Those in the agreement have the co-operation of the miners, and those without the fold will be compelled to pay 10 cents more than the regular district price for mining until they come to uniformity or uniformity proves a failure. From the present outlook it is believed that about one-half the mines in the district will be on strike after January 15.

## *WALL STREET AND EXCHANGES.*

There was again considerable activity in money yesterday. On the Stock Exchange call money for a good part of the day lent at 4 per cent. At the close the rate was 3 per cent. The activity in money was due to the shifting of loans resulting from the accumulation of funds to meet the January 1 interest payments and the payments on account of the debt of the Union Pacific Railway to the Government. The Union Pacific payment of $8,500,000 on Monday figured in yesterday's Clearing House operations. The Sub-Treasury sent to the Clearing House items amounting to $4,821,000 and received back checks on itself for $3,999,081, making it debtor in the sum of $3,178,081. The checks for the Union Pacific payment were drawn on the Mercantile Trust Company, and they were paid by the Fourth National Bank, through which the trust company clears. The Fourth National's exchanges were $33,-000,000. It sent to the Clearing House $15,232,683 in items for collection and received back items against itself for $17,515,809, which made it debtor in the sum of $2,283,000. The Bank of America had a debit balance of $1,082,000. The National City Bank had a credit balance of $1,441,000.

J. Pierpont Morgan will sail for Europe to-day by the Majestic, of the White Star Line. It is said he will be absent for three months and that his trip is for the purpose of placing abroad securities of the reorganized Northern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads. His son, J. P. Morgan, jr., will sail for Europe by the Teutonic on January 12, to attend to affairs in connection with the London house of J. S. Morgan & Co.

William Anderson, known as "Steeple Jack," yesterday afternoon climbed up the flagstaff on the Manhattan Life Insurance Company's building, at No. 66 Broadway, and painted it. Crowds in the streets watched him at his work, which was completed without mishap.


Announcements.

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## *MARINE INTELLIGENCE.*

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

Sunrise 7:24 Sunset 4:41 Moon sets p m 10:43 Moon's age 5

HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

A M—Sandy Hook 11:54 Gov. Island 0:12 Hell Gate 2:05
P M—Sandy Hook ——— Gov. Island 12:25 Hell Gate 2:18

### *INCOMING STEAMERS.*

TO-DAY.

| Vessel. | From. | Line. |
|---|---|---|
| Jersey City | Swansea, Dec 11 | Bristol |
| British Queen | Antwerp, Dec 12 | Phœnix |
| Kaffir Prince | St. Lucia, Dec 20 | Prince |
| Hudson | New-Orleans, Dec 22 | Cromwell |
| Alsatia | Gibraltar, Dec 14 | Anchor |
| Sardinian | Glasgow, Dec 16 | Allan State |
| Peconic | Gibraltar, Dec 14 | Mediterranean |
| Nueces | Galveston, Dec 22 | Mallory |
| Prins Willem IV | Port au Prince | Dutch |
| Werra | Gibraltar, Dec 20 | N G Lloyd |
| Yumuri | Havana, Dec 25 | N Y & Cuba |
| Kitty | Santa Martha, Dec 22 | Atlas |
| Vega | Lisbon, Dec 14 | Mediterranean |
| Westmeath | Hamburg, Dec 14 | Vogeman |
| Comanche | Jacksonville, Dec 26 | Clyde |

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

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| Germanic | Liverpool, Dec 22 | White Star |
| Thingvalla | Christiansand, Dec 16 | Thingvalla |
| El Paso | New-Orleans, Dec 25 | Morgan |

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

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|---|---|---|
| Munchen | Bremen, Dec 19 | N G Lloyd |
| Prussian | Hamburg, Dec 19 | Hamb-Amer |
| Alliance | Colon, Dec 24 | Panama |
| Comal | Galveston, Dec 25 | Mallory |

### *OUTGOING STEAMERS.*

TO-DAY.

| Vessel. | For. | Line. | Mails close. | Vessel sails. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kensington | Antwerp, Red Star | | 8:00 a m | 10:00 a m |
| Majestic | Queenstown, White Star | | 9:00 a m | 12:00 m |
| Saratoga | Havana | N Y & Cuba | 1:00 p m | 3:00 p m |
| St Paul | Southampton, American | | 7:00 a m | 10:00 a m |
| Trinidad | St Thomas, Quebec | | 8:00 a m | 10:00 a m |
| Portia | St Johns, Red Cross | | 11:00 a m | 1:00 p m |
| Alamo | Galveston, Mallory | | —— | 3:00 p m |
| Algonquin | Charleston, Clyde | | —— | 3:00 p m |

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

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| Obdam | Rotterdam, Holl-Amer | | 8:00 a m | 10:00 a m |
| Kaiser Wilhelm II | Genoa, N G Lloyd | | 8:00 a m | 10:00 a m |
| Finance | Colon, Panama | | 10:00 a m | 12:00 m |
| Panama | Havana, Spanish | | 11:00 a m | 1:00 p m |
| Ardenrose | Jamaica, Tweedie | | 11:00 a m | 1:00 p m |
| Antilla | Nassau, Bahamas | | 1:00 p m | 3:00 p m |
| Santiago | Nassau, N Y & Cuba | | 1:00 p m | 3:00 p m |
| El Dorado | New-Orleans, Morgan | | —— | 3:00 p m |

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

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| Pretoria | Grenada, Quebec | | 1:00 p m | 3:00 p m |
| Seguranca | Havana, N Y & Cuba | | 1:00 p m | 3:00 p m |
| Alene | Jamaica, Atlas | | 2:00 p m | 4:00 p m |
| Kitty | Hayti, Atlas | | 2:00 p m | 4:00 p m |
| Comanche | Charleston, Clyde | | —— | 3:00 p m |
| Colorado | Brunswick, Mallory | | —— | 3:00 p m |

### *SHIPPING NEWS.*

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