

ICE TRUST WEAKENS.

DIRECTORS CONSIDER A REDUCTION OF PRICE.

NOW SELLING AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT RATES, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESSURE.

It was reported yesterday that the Ice Trust had made another "concession to public opinion" by reducing the price of ice from 60 cents a hundred to 40 cents, but the announcement seems to be at least premature.

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Controlled by the trust yesterday that his determination not to forestall the legal proceedings summarily by the trust.

There were rumors abroad last night that the Ice Trust directors had decided to punish the certain newspaper to "let up" on them.

TO FORECLOSE A BIG MORTGAGE.

PERMISSION TO AMEND COMPLAINT IN SUIT AGAINST WESTCHESTER WATERWORKS COMPANY.

Justice Gaynor has signed an order allowing the Central Trust company of New York to amend its complaint in an action brought against the New York and Westchester Waterworks Company.

DRINK WHILE ON LEAVE, SAYS SCANNELL.

FIRE COMMISSIONER DECLARES THAT FIREMEN MUST NOT GET DRUNK WHILE ON DUTY.

Ten firemen were arraigned before Commissioner Scannell yesterday on charges of drunkenness.

ECUADOR MINING COMPANY LOSES SUIT.

ACTION INVOLVING STOCK VALUED AT \$500,000 DECIDED FOR DEFENDANTS.

The suit brought by the Playa de Oro Mining Company against Otis S. Gage, Clarence E. Donohue, Charles G. Fracklyn, James A. Janeway and Susan A. Fracklyn, involving stock valued at \$500,000, was terminated yesterday.

THE "CANNON" Trunk.

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PACKARD ANNIVERSARY.

ST. CLAIR MCKELWAY ADDRESSES COMMERCIAL SCHOOL GRADUATES.

Carnegie Hall was filled last night with the friends and pupils, past and present, of Packard Commercial School, who had gathered to celebrate the forty-second anniversary of its birth.

St. Clair McKelway took for the topic of his address "Signs of the Times," and said in part as follows:

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NEW DORMITORY FOR WOMEN.

TEACHERS COLLEGE GRADUATES A CLASS OF EIGHTY-TWO MEMBERS.

At the twelfth annual commencement yesterday of Teachers College, a part of the university system of Columbia, it was announced that the women's dormitory, which should be erected in the near future, is to be named in honor of Dean Russell of the college.

It gives me special pleasure to announce that a stock company, composed of friends of the college, has purchased the entire American Express building, one hundred and twenty-first street, on which will be erected the coming year a new dormitory for women, besides giving room for thirty-two private apartments.

The commencement exercises were held in the Teachers College gymnasium last night, and were presided over by Dean Russell.

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GRADUATED BY THE N. Y. U.

CHANCELLOR MACCRACKEN MAKES THE ADDRESS AT THE COMMENCEMENT.

Spacious as it is, the Metropolitan Opera House could not conveniently accommodate those who gathered there last night for the sixty-eighth annual commencement of New-York University.

The following honorary degrees were conferred: Doctor of Laws—R. Usher, Provost of Peabody Museum, Baltimore.

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MINNESOTA MINING TOWN BURNED.

LOSS AT VIRGINIA OF \$500,000—ONLY FEW BUILDINGS LEFT.

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William H. Bannister, of Nyack, until recently proprietor of Rockland County College, died a few minutes ago on the cable car on Broadway.

For forty years Professor Bannister was proprietor of Rockland County College, and only recently he transferred it to another.

Justice Bannister, who lives in Nyack, came to this city last evening and had the body of his classmate, Mr. Arthur, buried in the city.

BARGAINS IN THE STORES.

MEN'S SHIRTS, WOMEN'S DRESSES AND CHILDREN'S SUITS OFFERED TO-DAY.

JOHN WANAMAKER, Broadway, between Ninth and Tenth streets, says that there is not a common shirt in his display of men's summer shirts.

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SAVED LIVES OF MANY AT FIRE NEAR RAMSEY'S, N. J., AT SACRIFICE OF HER OWN.

Mrs. Harriet E. B. Walden, sister of Spencer S. Baldwin, the clothier, of No. 389 Fulton-st., Brooklyn, died last evening at 6 o'clock in the Brooklyn Hospital from injuries and burns she received while escaping from the fire which completely destroyed the house of the late John O. Donner.

SUIT AGAINST MALCOLM W. FORD.

PLAINTIFF WANTS \$5,000—ALLEGES HE WAS BITTEN BY VALUABLE DOG.

Babylon, Long Island, June 7.—Malcolm W. Ford has been made defendant in a suit for \$5,000 brought by Frank L. Thurber, a business man of Bay Shore, who was bitten by a mastiff belonging to Ford in Jamaica.

HIGH PRICED BARNS BURNED.

THAT OF H. B. HOLLINS, AT ISLIP, IS TOTALLY DESTROYED.

Hempstead, Long Island, June 7.—The handsome barn and carriage house at Willisburgh, the home of William H. Young, were almost entirely destroyed by fire yesterday.

MUCH PLEASSED WITH ELECTRICITY.

TWO JAPANESE RAILROAD OFFICIALS INSPECT RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM.

Two Japanese railway officials made an inspection yesterday of Brooklyn's trolley system. They were accompanied by Mr. S. S. Gage, general manager of the New York and Manhattan Railroad.

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BROOKLYN NEWS.

MARTIN ON THE STAND.

ACCUSED LIEUTENANT ATTRIBUTES HIS PECULIAR ACTIONS TO MORPHINE.

Lieutenant Edward H. Martin, U. S. A., who is being tried by court martial at Fort Hancock, went on the stand in his own behalf yesterday and testified that he had been addicted to the use of morphine from his West Point days.

Lieutenant Harrison Hall, who preceded Lieutenant Martin as treasurer of the canteen at Fort Hancock, was the first witness of the day.

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FLUSHING'S DANGER FROM FIRE.

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NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

STATE OF REFORMED CHURCH.

REPORT MADE ONE IN FIFTY YEARS SUBMITTED TO ANNUAL SYNOD.

Asbury Park, June 7 (Special).—At the meeting of the ninety-fourth annual Synod of the Reformed Church in America to-day there was an increased attendance of ministerial and lay delegates. It is practically decided that the Synod will meet next year in New-Brunswick. The Committee on Seminars recommended that efforts be made to raise an endowment fund of \$250,000 for the Seminary. The recommendation was adopted. It was announced that Ralph Voorhees, an uncle of Governor Foster M. Voorhees, had given \$25,000 as a nucleus for the fund.

The entire afternoon session was devoted to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Church. This report is made only once in a century, and the present one covers the history of the Church since 1850. It says in part:

In 1850 there were only two particular synods, those of New-York and Albany—with twenty-four classes. Now we have four particular synods, with nearly 100 churches and 1,000 members. Then about 24,000 families, now 60,716. Then about 35,000 communicants; now 109,889. Then the membership of the Synod was 1,000; now 10,000. Then the number of Sunday schools was 35; now 95.

In 1850 the benevolent offerings were about \$25,000, nearly 100 times the amount of the offerings now in Arcot a theological seminary, with endowments for professorships and scholarships amounting to about \$60,000. The amount of the offering in 1850 by private enterprise, and was transferred to the care of our Board in 1894. It is supported by independent gifts, amounting in 1899 to \$10,827.50.

Concerning home missions the report says: In 1850 the receipts for this work were \$100,000. In 1858, \$27,000. In 1885 the work demanded further expansion, and a field secretary was engaged. In 1890 the offerings for domestic missions amounted to \$75,000, and the legacies for the same cause to \$100,000. The total of receipts for the year was over \$200,000.

This evening the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, with Vice-President Millikin in charge. To-morrow the Synod will take up the reports on foreign and domestic missions.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS HAVE BIG PARADE.

TEN THOUSAND CHILDREN OF EVANGELICAL CHURCHES MARCH IN JERSEY CITY.

The Sunday schools of the Evangelical churches, Jersey City, had their annual parade yesterday. Forty schools and ten thousand pupils took part. There were three parades. The schools of lower Jersey City marched through Jersey City Park, and received by the Mayor and officials at Hamilton Park; the schools of the section formerly Hudson County were reviewed by the Mayor and officials at the ministers at Ogdon-ave. and South-st., and the schools of the district formerly the city of Newark were reviewed by the Mayor and officials at the house of James V. Forster, who was grand marshal for many years. The happy children carried flags, banners, pennants and May poles.

A feature of the parade of the Bergen section was the baby cradle roll of the First Congregational Church, which was led by the first-aid and Red Cross societies in which Red infants preceded the primary schools. Exercises were held at all the churches, and the public schools also served after the parade. All the public schools closed at noon.

PATERSON TEACHERS WANT MORE PAY.

Paterson, June 7 (Special).—The Council Chamber at the City Hall never before contained such an audience as that of last night. More than two hundred women, the school teachers of Paterson, were present at the meeting of the Board of Education, when they demanded a 10 per cent increase in their salaries. Previous to the last election promises were obtained from several of the city fathers that they would vote for a 10 per cent increase in the salaries of the teachers. The teachers were up on second reading last night, and the teachers demanded that the Board should vote for a 10 per cent increase in their salaries, and that the Board should also vote for a 10 per cent increase in the salaries of the teachers. The Board refused to do so, and the teachers threatened to strike.

The teachers will attend the meeting on Monday night, when the budget will be taken up for third reading and final passage. The Aldermen have no easy task before them. The Board of Education has appropriated last night for the year \$1,300,000. The tax rate for the year will be \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed value, which will be impossible to come within \$100,000 of raising that amount.

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