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JUDGMENT FOR NEARLY \$400,000.

ALDERMEN RECEIVE CONTROLLER'S STATEMENT AND VOTE AGAINST BOND ISSUE FOR NEW BRIDGE.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen yesterday afternoon the annual statement of Controller Coler was received, giving the amount of money to be raised by taxation by the city of New-York in 1900.

The amount of the budget prepared last October was \$92,752,48, from which the revenues of the general fund for the year have to be deducted. This general fund is made up of moneys collected in the year and turned into the city treasury to diminish the amount to be raised by taxation. The general fund amounts to \$3,835,272.71, leaving \$88,917,205.77 to be raised by taxation. Of the general fund \$1,824,923.77 was derived from the various city departments, \$4,576,000 from the excise fund, \$33,896.12 from the theatrical and concert license fund and \$1,824,923.77 from balances of the appropriations of the last year. The report was referred to the Finance Committee.

WRANGLES OVER SCHOOL BONDS.

Held up issue again defeated by Cassidy and his clique.

A debate was precipitated in the Council meeting yesterday afternoon over the proposition to issue \$500,000 worth of bonds for the building of new schools and the purchase of school sites. The bond issue has been held up for months by the opposition of a clique said to be headed by Councilman Cassidy, of Queens, and Murray, of the Bronx, and supported by the Brooklyn members. It was passed originally, but sent back to the Municipal Assembly for amendment, because the Board of Education wanted \$90,000 to be made available for the purchase of sites in Manhattan and the Bronx.

Councilman Cassidy offered a resolution calling upon the Controller to furnish a statement showing the amount of money given to the Board of Education in the last two years for the building of schools which has not yet been expended. Councilman O'Grady, of Richmond, said that Councilman Cassidy's resolution was intended to delay the passage of the bond issue.

"I have here the information asked for," said Mr. O'Grady. "In the form of a report from Superintendent Snyder to President O'Brien of the Board of Education, a resolution was introduced in the Council submitted at the last meeting, showing that every school for which money was available had been built. Mr. O'Grady's resolution was intended to show that the money was not being expended for the purpose of building schools."

Councilman Murray asked to have the original resolution passed which did not provide for any school sites. His motion was overruled. The President Oakley said the opposition to the bond issue came with bad form from a clique which was constantly introducing resolutions providing for asphalt plants and gas plants for the city and other things calling for large expenditures of money.

BEVERLEY WARD'S WATCH FOUND.

Valuable timepiece, lost or stolen, recovered as it was being pawned.

Beverley Ward, of No. 47 West Sixty-eighth-st., lost a gold watch of peculiar construction, valued at \$15, on June 5. There is not another watch just like it, for the dial is marked by the letters of Mr. Ward's name to denote the hours, instead of the usual Roman figures. Mr. Ward lost the watch either in a store at Broadway and Thirty-second-st. or in a Broadway car.

Monday afternoon Detectives Bogie and Charlton, of the Central Office, found Fritz Hoffman, thirty-five years old, and Louis Pink, thirty-three years old, both of No. 126 West Twenty-ninth-st., who disposed of a watch in a pawnshop at Sixth-ave. and Twenty-fifth-st. They gave contradictory stories of how the watch came in their possession, and they were arrested.

In Jefferson Market police court yesterday Pink told Magistrate Fiamoretti that he had bought and given them the watch. The detectives think Mr. Ward's pocket was picked. The men were held for examination on Wednesday.

BRAINS DASHED OUT BY SIX STORY FALL.

Wall gives way and bricklayer crashes through a skylight.

Rudolph Ehrmann, forty-two years old, a bricklayer, of No. 623 East One-hundred-and-forty-eighth-st., fell six stories through a skylight in the rear of No. 34 East Tenth-st. yesterday, dashing his brains out. His brother faintly after seeing him fall.

Ehrmann was at work with his brother Oscar and another man on a scaffold at the sixth story. They were erecting a wall, which was about breast high, and Ehrmann caught hold of it to climb over to the inside. The wall was "green," or very new, and it gave way with him. He rolled onto the scaffold and over.

The scaffold was directly over the solar print gallery of Joseph Wolska, in the rear of No. 48 East Ninth-st. Some wooden horses covered with boards had been put over the skylight as a protection, and Ehrmann crashed through these and continued away from the frame of the skylight, alighting in the gallery, where the proprietor, Joseph Riley, twenty years old, of No. 543 East Tenth-st., and four others were working. The man fell right behind Riley, who fled to the street. The others ran out also, but returned in a few minutes.

Ehrmann's brother saw him fall, and he staggered on the scaffold. Had not the other man caught him he would have fallen off it to climb over to the inside. The wall was "green," or very new, and it gave way with him. He rolled onto the scaffold and over.

TWO FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED.

At Havessey Hall, Columbia University, yesterday, the competitive designs for the Columbia travelling fellowship and the McKim fellowship were placed on exhibition. The designs were for a monumental cascade in Central Park and for Mount Sinai Hospital. The Columbia travelling fellowship was won by T. Blundell, W. E. Parsons and B. S. Cairns received honorable mention. The McKim fellowship went to "Hygeia," a pen name whose owner will be announced to-day.

CHARGED WITH HOMICIDE AND ARSON.

Detective Sullivan, of the Central Office, yesterday arrested Henry Frederick, twenty years old, of No. 25 Twelfth Place, Chicago, on a telegraphic request of the Chicago police. Frederick is wanted on a charge of setting on fire, on May 15, the Hotel Hyde. Three persons caught hold of it to climb over to the inside. The wall was "green," or very new, and it gave way with him. He rolled onto the scaffold and over.

CITY DEFAULTERS SHORTAGE PAID.

The United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company has made good the bond of John Clark, the defaulting employe of the Finance Department, who escaped a few weeks ago leaving a shortage of \$500 or \$700 and has not been caught. The amount of his default has not yet been determined accurately.

The same surety company also made good a contractor's bond recently by the Controller shut the company off from further business with the city.

APPELLATE COURT AFFIRMS VERDICT IN R. S. AND T. R. RAILROAD CASE.

The judgment of the Supreme Court, in favor of the Industrial and General Trust, Limited, an English corporation, against J. Kennedy Tod and James S. Leitner, as the Reorganization Committee of the Birmingham, Sheffield and Tennessee River Railroad Company, having been affirmed after an appeal by the defendants to the Appellate Division, was entered in the office of the County Clerk yesterday.

On the trial of the action a verdict was returned by eight jurors, both parties to the suit having consented to go on with that number, in favor of the plaintiffs for \$38,000. The judgment, with costs, now amounts to \$37,476. The railroad company went into the hands of a receiver in 1893, and the defendants were constituted a Reorganization Committee to represent the bondholders. The plaintiff corporation alleged that the Reorganization Committee had reserved to itself the right to construe the provisions of the scheme for the reorganization, which was inequitable to the plaintiff.

The defendants alleged that the English corporation was a party to all the transactions of the committee, and therefore could not recover any damages.

ONE LEG IN THE GRAVE.

A death certificate was sent to the Morgue yesterday in which the Board of Health gives permission to remove, not the "remains," as is printed on these certificates, but "the left leg" of Caroline Cornsart, seventy-five years old, of No. 23 West Seventy-seventh-st. The woman is still living. The leg was amputated because of cancer. It was deemed wisest to have a formal certificate for the removal of the leg to the Potter's Field for burial.

"QUEEN LAVINIA'S" FINANCIAL TROUBLES.

A transcript of judgment for \$12 1/2, damages and costs, was filed yesterday in the Westchester County Clerk's office against Lavinia H. Van Westervelt, "Queen of the Holland Dames." It is in favor of Elizabeth Vigoroux Imhaus.

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