

UPPER BROADWAY GROWTH

THE TUNNEL EXPECTED TO DEVELOP THAT SECTION RAPIDLY.

The beginning of work on the tunnel to Harlem, which is to run for more than six miles under upper Broadway, is now attracting more and more attention on the part of investors to the possibilities of that thoroughfare.

An English writer has said that a long, crooked street has more advantages for commercial and residential development than a straight one.

Lower Broadway, from the Battery to the Circle, has perhaps for these reasons as much as any other become almost entirely a great commercial artery.

The question which is now being asked is whether upper Broadway is to be given up to trade or the sites of homes. It appears to be the prevailing opinion among real estate men, judging from what improvements have already



OVERARCHING TREES IN UPPER BROADWAY. Which may have to be sacrificed in digging the Rapid Transit Tunnel.

been accomplished in this section of the city, that upper Broadway is to be residential, and more definitely, a street of huge apartment houses.

Should the traveller who chanced to ride along the Boulevard from Fifty-ninth-st. to Cathedral Heights a year or two ago repeat his journey at the present time, he would note that great changes have been accomplished already.

Work is rapidly advancing on the huge apartment house which is in the course of construction between Seventy-third-st. and Seventy-fourth-st., by W. E. D. Stokes. The structure when completed will be the largest of its kind in the city.

John McDonald, counsel for the West End Association, says that, inasmuch as the cleaning pits of the surface electric railways extend down five and one-half feet below the surface of the roadbed, there will be left a layer of earth of this depth above the tunnel, which will give abundant soil, he believes, to the trees.

Experts in gardening and forestry differ, however, with the views of Mr. McDonald. It is the opinion that any attempt to transplant the older trees will prove impracticable.



THE NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE ADVENT. To be built at Ninety-third-st. and Broadway.

Creery Brothers has caused much discussion upon this subject, however. Some think that this is a sign of the further advance of the commercial life of lower Broadway beyond the Circle, and that it is only the harbinger of further encroachments of trade.

Samuel Parsons also says that such plans of contractor about preserving trees are satisfactory. "Some of these trees," he said, "are more than a quarter of a century old. To transplant them will involve great expense, and if the trees sustain the first shock, they will stand for seven years, and then perhaps die. To reset these trees in their old places with a tunnel underneath is out of the question. Their roots if they grow will follow the water courses and lead to the breaking of the tunnel.

A real estate broker who is widely interested in property along the Boulevard, said yesterday: "People do not want to walk in New York. This is proved to my mind by the increase in the value of real estate near railway communication. Before the building of the Sixth-ave. elevated road property was worth more a block east of Fifty-ave. than on the other side. Now conditions are reversed. One reason the Boulevard presents so many unsightly fences and vacant lots at the present time is because of the antiquated street railway which so long was its only means of transit. The cars that were run over these tracks, and are still over a part of them, are a source of humiliation and

disgrace to every true New Yorker. My cousin, who lives in Cohoes, on his visits to this city used to gape at the Boulevard cars. 'Why, we have better than that in Cohoes,' he would say, and to that I could make no answer. There is the long period of confusion attending the establishment of the electric underground system still further clamped the brake on progress and improvement. Long ditches and ridges cut, the blasting of rock, which drove passengers into other streets, and the miles of dangling red lanterns, signalling danger at night, were not only a hindrance but a menace to property owners. The partial change from the horsecar to the electric by the Third-ave. company and the incorporation of this with the Metropolitan system have caused a corresponding revival in the real estate conditions of the Boulevard. But the reawakening that has occurred I believe is only a premonition of what is coming with the building of the tunnel."

Thanks to the activity of the West End Association to save 375 elm trees in the centre of the street, which the excavation for the tunnel threatens to destroy, it seems probable that their preservation will be effected. The association has conferred with contractor McDonald, and the latter has promised he will do all in his power to save the trees. The association recommended that the elms be transplanted, taking them out five blocks ahead of the excavation and setting them back in the soil above the completed part of the work. It estimates that this can be done at a cost of from \$20 to \$70 a tree. The recent purchase and proposed improvement of the block front on the west side of Broadway, between One-hundred-and-forty-

American Lateralism. For a quarter of a century he was pastor of the Lutheran Church, in West Twenty-first-st. The material of the new church will be brick and stone, and the seating capacity five hundred. There will be an auditorium, without paragonage or chapel. The plan of the church contemplates a tower at some future date.

WHERE TO SPEND VACATION. PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD'S SUMMER EXCURSION ROUTE PAMPHLET A MINE OF INFORMATION. One of the most complete and satisfying compendiums of information ever published for the benefit of city folk who are seeking a suitable place to spend their summer vacation, has just been issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad, under the title "Summer Excursion Routes, 1900."

Other excellent and convenient features of this book are the names and addresses of cover agents and excursion agents in various parts of the country who may be applied to for excursion tickets and information relating thereto; an alphabetical index of excursion routes, and a number of excursion forms for the information especially of agents, and four pages devoted to display notices in large and attractive type of special tours.

"TWELFTH NIGHT" AT SMITH. Northampton, Mass., June 16 (Special).—The senior class of Smith College gave the annual theatrical performance this evening at the Academy of Music. The Shakespeare list is still adhered to, and the play presented was "Twelfth Night," a work which carried the students into a more farcical realm than they have hitherto seen.

TO PAY REVENUE TAXES IN HAWAII. San Francisco, June 16.—The bark Roderick Dhu, now on her way to Honolulu, will be watched for by the United States revenue officers in the new Hawaiian district. The vessel left on Thursday afternoon, carrying a cargo made up largely of wine, beer and other taxable goods.

JUDGE NOYES TO GO TO ALASKA. Minneapolis, June 16.—Judge Arthur H. Noyes, one of the three new Federal Judges for Alaska, starts next week for Seattle, and expects to reach Sitka on July 15. The Territory, he says, has been divided by agreement into three districts, and the Cape Nome region will be in his district.

MOTION IN ASSOCIATED PRESS LITIGATION. Springfield, Ill., June 16.—In the Supreme Court today "The Denver Post" made its last appeal against the order of June 14, making "The Inter Ocean" Publishing Company party to the proceedings for mandamus. The claim was made in the motion that no notice of filing the motion by "The Inter Ocean" was given to "The Denver Post" and that the court, and that allegations in the petition are false. It was stated in the motion that hardship would be done by the Denver Post company by complying with the rule, and that it is a bad practice to violate such an important rule.

TRAIN CAUGHT BY A LANDSLIDE. Pittsburg, June 16.—Five persons were painfully injured and fifteen or twenty others more or less hurt by the wreck of the Carnegie accommodation on the Panhandle Railroad this morning. All of the injured persons were able to go to their homes except James Keenan, an employe of the Pennsylvania company, who was sent to the Hospital. He will recover. The accident was caused by a landslide from Mount Washington, which buried one of the cars and earth toppling down on the train.

TELEPHONE NOTES. Suncook, N. H., June 16.—Three manufacturing plants, comprising all the industries in the village of East Pembroke, about three miles from here, were burned to-day, causing a loss estimated at about \$20,000.

ACCIDENT IN OSWEGO THEATRE. Oswego, N. Y., June 16.—Mrs. Della Benson, a nurse, sixty years old, was fatally injured at the Richardson Theatre here this afternoon while attending an afternoon performance. Mrs. Benson slipped on the stairs, and fell from the top of the gallery, and was struck against a beam of the ceiling. Her body struck against a beam of the ceiling, and she was killed.

SCHOOLSHIP SARATOGA SAILS. Philadelphia, June 16.—The schoolship Saratoga, Captain W. J. Barnett, sailed from this port at noon to-day on her European cruise. She has aboard eight hundred and thirty passengers, and is to call at the Paris Exposition. Stops will be made at Southampton, Havre, Gibraltar and Madeira, and the vessel will arrive home on September 20.

CONNECTICUT INTERESTS.

AMUSING AFTERMATH OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION—TALK ABOUT TOBACCO—SURGEONS DIE OF BLOOD POISONING.

Hartford, Conn., June 16 (Special).—The aftermath of the Democratic State Convention is affording much amusement to all those who are not personally interested. The delegates to Kansas City, who were instructed to depose Alexander Troup and to elect Homes S. Cummings, of Stamford, to the Democratic National Committee, have met and, throwing their instructions to the winds, and on motion of Mr. Cummings himself, have signified their intention to present Mr. Troup's name. This has stirred up the anti-Troup element in New-Haven, which has always been a fighting contingent, and one delegate, Mr. Piggott, has actually threatened not to go to the Convention at all. The queerest thing about the whole affair is that Troup and Cummings are at tremendous odds over what happened in the convention, in spite of Cummings's self-avowal in favor of the big silver and Bryan man of the State. Cummings is accused of treachery in not caring for Troup's interest in the convention, and there appears to be not a little evidence to support the charge, and he has lost the popularity he had immediately prior to and during the convention. It is hardly probable now that he will be mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for Governor. He is of Republican antecedents, swinging into the Bryan line on the silver question in 1896, and Old Guard Democrats have no use for him.

REPUBLICAN DELEGATES' PLANS. The delegates to the Republican National Convention started for New-York this evening will go over to Philadelphia on a special train from Jersey City Monday morning. A good number of prominent Republicans will go with them, including most of the leading Republican newspaper men of the State. The headquarters of the delegation will be at the Walton. There is no indication that there will be union in the vote of the delegation for any one candidate for Vice-President. Not quite half of the delegates are for Long and the vote promises to be scattering at the start.

CONNECTICUT TOBACCO OUTLOOK. From politics to tobacco is but a step in this section of the country, where the tariff on tobacco has had more to do with crop raising than any other section of the Tariff act. The prospects for the coming season are good for the tobacco growers, and the acreage will be at least twenty per cent greater than it was last year. The crop has been put into the ground most favorably, the wet weather of the planting season being just what was needed for the plants, and already they begin to look thrifty and strong. The prices for the crop of 1899 were greater than for forty years, and this has been the encouraging feature that has set the growers at work in a larger degree. The crop of 1897 was poor because the heavy rains washed the gum from the plants and left the tobacco dry and useless. Consequently, the prices were low and the crop was a failure. This was one of the reasons for the big crop of last year and for the good prices, which were expected in view of the scarcity. It is expected that Cuba will have an unusually large crop this year, but it cannot come in as rival to the Havana crop. Connecticut seed leaf grown in the Connecticut valley, Havana being largely grown here and grown better than in Cuba. The growers seem to have gotten over their fright at the advent of Sumatra leaf for wrappers and have taken new courage, but it is a remarkable fact that Connecticut growers prefer a cigar with a Sumatra wrapper.

TWO SURGEONS KILLED BY BLOOD POISONING. The recent death in this city and in Rockville of Dr. Melancthon Storrs and Dr. E. K. Leonard from blood poisoning by contact while both were operating on the same case in Rockville is a remarkable circumstance. The case was of abscess of the liver in a young lad, and it had been long neglected. Dr. Storrs was infected first and died last Saturday, after every effort for his relief had been made by the physicians of this city and well known specialists from outside of the State, and died on Wednesday of this week. Both were surgeons of the old type, and had practised fifty years or more. Dr. Storrs, of this city, was the best known operator in this section of the State, and his skill and operating skill with the knife, he often had as many as seven operations of the larger sort in a day, and was called throughout the State. He is said to have been the first to operate for abscess of the liver by the removal of the gall stone, and it was this operation that stamped him as a man of original ideas and close study. He was a native of Westford, in this State, and worked his way through college and the medical school by teaching. He was easily the leading surgeon of Hartford, and was highly esteemed by the profession. He was seventy-seven years old at his death, but not in the least less vigorous or less successful and daring operations were performed within the last two years, his hand being remarkably steady and his judgment excellent. He was interested in many financial institutions and in real estate, and left a large estate.

TWO LARGE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS. There have been two important financial transactions in this city during the present week. The first is the decision of the Hartford Street Railway Company to refund its present indebtedness, \$1,800,000, now in debentures bearing 5 per cent interest, with mortgage bonds at 4 per cent, with the entire property of the company back of the new bonds. The saving in interest is to be \$18,000 yearly, and the premium to be charged in exchange for the new bonds will give the company some \$63,000 quick money. There have been constant demands for the new bonds since the vote of the company was announced, and few of the bondholders have been able to get their money. The directors have given them if they prefer cash to bonds. The other change was hinted at last week, and is the absorption of the Orient Fire Insurance Company by the London and Lancashire and Overseas company of England. The stock on the basis of \$113, its book value, was taken by the English company, and the election of officers under the new deal placed Archibald G. McIlwaine president of the Orient, and J. H. Cook, secretary, and Howard W. Cook as assistant secretary, the latter being the only one of the old board of officers retained. The directors are London, New-York, Chicago and New-Haven, and the company is general agent at Atlanta of the Norwich Union Insurance Company of England. The transactions show to what a large degree English investors have taken an interest in this country, relying upon an all world business to keep their per cent of earnings up to a good figure, whereas the United States companies, confining their area to this country, have had to work to keep above water.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED. Hartford, June 16.—The Queen's Gambit Declined, a chess tournament, was held at the Hartford Club last evening. The tournament was won by Lasker, who defeated Pillsbury, Maroczy, and Tschigrin.

A BOY TO BE HANGED FOR MURDER. The coming execution of Charles Cross, which is to take place in the State prison at Wethersfield July 1, is stirring up a good deal of sentiment in the State and elsewhere. Cross is seventeen years old, and his crime is the murder of Mrs. King, for whom he worked as a chore boy on a farm in Greenwich. The murder was committed either after or during a felonious assault, and he was found guilty by the Supreme Court, the lower court was sustained, and the Board of Pardons refused to interfere when asked to commute the sentence to life imprisonment. Cross had a most atrocious case in this country, relying upon an all world business to keep their per cent of earnings up to a good figure, whereas the United States companies, confining their area to this country, have had to work to keep above water.

BRIDGE TENDER KILLED AT HIS POST. New-Brunswick, N. J., June 16 (Special).—John F. Courtney, fifty-five years of age, who for many years has been a draw tender on the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge over the Raritan River at this place, lost his life at an early hour this morning. Courtney and George Donnelly were on duty last night. At 1 o'clock they had to open the draw for the passage of a boat. The draw at that end of the bridge had been lifted, and the levers charged preparatory to turning the draw. In placing the large key Courtney, who was near the edge, lost his balance, and before he could recover himself fell headlong off the bridge. He was found in a most atrocious condition, and his skull had been fractured, and he was removed to Wells Memorial Hospital, where he died at 3 o'clock this morning.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL WILLIAM TELL. Chicago, June 16.—A dispatch to "The Record" from St. Louis says: "Robert Hoeise, twelve years old, and Gordon Collier, nine years old, played William Tell here with almost fatal results. The boys got a revolver, and for a while amused themselves in flourishing the weapon in Wild West fashion. Then they remembered the story of William Tell and Hoeise agreed to try to get a shot using part of a brick instead of the historic apple. Collier fired at the brick, but hit his companion in the cheek, inflicting a wound which is serious."

CHESS BY MASTERS.

LASKER GETS FIRST PRIZE AT PARIS BY BEATING PILLSBURY.

Paris, June 16.—Only adjourned games and those which ended in draws in previous rounds were played in the international chess masters' tournament this afternoon. The following players were engaged: Lasker vs. Pillsbury, Schlechter vs. Mieses, Maroczy vs. Tschigrin, and Rosen vs. Mason. When the first adjournment was taken in the afternoon Lasker had beaten Pillsbury and secured the first prize of the tournament, as none of the other competitors can now reach his total of fourteen games won. Rosen and Schlechter had the superior games against Mason and Mieses, respectively, while the Maroczy vs. Tschigrin contest stood even.

In the evening the other games resulted as follows: Maroczy and Tschigrin drew, Rosen beat Mason, and Mieses beat Schlechter. Following are the scores of all the contestants up to date:

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