APPROACH FOR BRIDGE.

CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY LIKELY TO COST ABOUT $3,500,000 TO BEGIN TO-DAY.

Proceedings for the condemnation of about $3,500,000 worth of real estate needed for the Manhattan approach of the New East River Bridge at Delancey-st., will begin this morning at 11 o'clock in the "Staats-Zeitung" Building, in Tryon Row. The plaza site at Delancey, Clinton and Norfolk sts. is not included in these proceedings. That will cost about $2,000,000 more. The plaza will not be needed as early as the other portions of the approach. The Supreme Court commissioners in the proceedings are John H. Judge, Bernard F. Martin and Philip A. Smyth. One hundred and fifty parcels are in the line of the proposed approach, and many of the buildings are "double decker" tenement houses, costing a great deal of money. All the tenants must be out by July 3, as on July 5 the work of tearing down the buildings will begin.

The line of approach is on the south side of Delancey-st., crossing Delancey, Clinton, Attorney, Ridge, Pitt, Willett, Sheriff, Columbia, Cannon, Lewis, Goerck, Mangin and Tompkins sts. The property owners are requested to appear before the commissioners and prove that their titles are good, running back at least twenty years. Each owner will bring expert witnesses to prove the market value of his parcel, and these witnesses are subject to cross-examination by a representative of the Corporation Counsel's office. After July 3 the city becomes the owner of all the property. The awards are not made then, but the city must then begin to pay 6 per cent interest on whatever the final award is. The city then sells the buildings, and they are torn down by the new purchasers. The commissioners have to examine each piece of property, and hear testimony from both the owner and the prospective purchaser (the city), as to its value.

The assessed valuation of the one hundred and fifty parcels is $1,486,100, but as this is about 50 per cent of the actual valuation, and as the city is forcing the holder to sell, it is expected that the parcels will cost the city between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000, and perhaps exceed even the latter figure.

S. A. Cooney, an engineer connected with the firm of John A. Roebling Sons' Company, said yesterday that the first cable connecting the piers of the new bridge would probably not be strung across the river until Monday or Tuesday of next week. Mr. Cooney said the cable was shipped from Trenton on Thursday and was due in New-York last night.

WILL WAS NIBBLED INTO SHREDS.

MADE NEARLY TWENTY YEARS AGO AND BEQUEATHS PROPERTY TO WOMAN NOW DEAD.

A will which the mice have practically nibbled into shreds and which was written by former District Attorney William H. Pemberton, of Mount Vernon, was filed for probate in the Surrogate's Court at White Plains yesterday. The will is written in lead pencil on a small piece of paper, which age has turned yellow. It is dated March 7, 1883, and contains only about fifty words. Mr. Pemberton bequeaths all his property, amounting to about $75,000, to his wife, Emily F. Pemberton, who died nearly ten years ago.

The will was found in a box in a safe deposit vault in New-York, where Mr. Pemberton had placed it several years ago. Before that he kept it in a desk covered with cobwebs and dust in his dingy little office next to the Mount Vernon City Hotel. Mr. Pemberton, who had been county judge and District Attorney, was an eccentric man. He owned considerable real estate and stocks, but what he did with the latter cannot be determined, as no bonds or stocks were found in the vault. It is believed that when his old office is searched valuables will be found hidden away in odd places. Mr. Pemberton's funeral took place last evening, and he will be buried to-day.

TO ENTERTAIN AMERICANS.

PREPARATIONS BY THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

London, March 15.—Although the New-York Chamber of Commerce has not yet officially replied to the invitation of the London Chamber of Commerce to visit England as the guest of the latter body, the London Chamber of Commerce fully anticipates that the Americans will visit this city early in June, and the London chamber is, professionally, preparing extensive festivities. The object of the suggested visit is to cultivate closer relations and arouse a better understanding between the two peoples. The programme will include a grand representative banquet, numerous dinners and receptions and visits to race meetings and theatres.

CARNEGIE'S MISSION TO SANDEMAN.

Morris K. Jesup, president of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, after reading the dispatch from London regarding the invitation of the London Chamber of Commerce, said:

We are earnest in our endeavor to get a representative committee of the chamber to accept the banquet that the Chamber of Commerce of London has tendered to us. We are working assiduously to that end, and in a few days we will know exactly what we can do. We are anxious to have as large a number of delegates in attendance as possible, and already we are in receipt of quite a representative list of names of members, each one of whom has promised to make the trip to London. The invitation was extended to the officers of the chamber and Board of Directors, but as we have no Board of Directors, being governed differently to the London Chamber of Commerce, our representatives will be selected from standing committees. In the mean time Andrew Carnegie, one of the vice-presidents of this chamber, who sailed on the St. Louis on Wednesday, has been requested to call on Albert G. Sandeman, president of the London chamber, and inform him of the progress we are making. The date on which the banquet will take place was left to our choice, and we have chosen June 5. We hope by the time Mr. Carnegie arrives on the other side to be able to cable decisively. You may say for me that George Wilson, the secretary of the New-York chamber, and myself will positively be on hand at the appointed time.

RATS AT KOSTER & BIAL'S.

TO KEEP PERMANENT POSSESSION OF THE MUSIC HALL FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.

An arrangement has now been made whereby the White Rats will keep permanent possession of Koster & Bial's Music Hall for their own purposes. They have been occupying the theatre and giving entertainments for the last two weeks experimentally, and now it has been agreed between them and the Hashim Brothers, the managers, that they had better keep it. The White Rats have been acquiring theatres wherever they could in the last few weeks, with the view of making themselves more independent of the vaudeville managers and better able to oppose them effectually in insisting on their demands, now or hereafter, and they feel that Koster & Bial's, with its great reputation and standing all over the country, is a fine acquisition to their strength. The change in its management may also prove a turning point in the career of the house, which, it is no secret to say, has not prospered in the last two or three seasons. It has had many changes of management and all have been successively unsuccessful. There seems to be at least a good omen in the White Rats' taking possession. Rats desert a sinking ship, and so, when they deliberately enter a ship, it must be supposed that it is not sinking.

ANNIVERSARY OF BANK OF NEW-YORK.

The Bank of New-York (National Banking Association), the oldest financial institution in this State and the second oldest in the United States—the oldest being the Bank of North America, of Philadelphia—yesterday celebrated the 117th anniversary of its foundation. Alexander Hamilton wrote the constitution of the bank and took an active part in its organization. He sat in the first Board of Directors. For 104 years the bank has occupied the northeast corner of Wall and William sts. It has paid 234 consecutive dividends to stockholders, amounting in all to $16,391,694 75.

FOR MORTGAGE TAX EXEMPTION.

The following petition for presentation to the legislature has been prepared for signature by a committee of the Merchants' Association with regard to mortgage tax exemption:

I am opposed to the taxation of mortgages upon real estate, and respectfully pray for the immediate and total exemption of such mortgages from taxation.

Those who are opposed to the taxation of mortgages on real estate are requested to sign the petition and send it to Lawson Purdy, No. 111 Broadway.

CROWD CRIED "LYNCH HIM!"

MAN TRYING TO ROB A CLERK FIRES THREE SHOTS BEFORE HE IS CAUGHT AND LOCKED UP.

Camden, N. J., March 15 (Special).—When a young man on a bicycle rode up to the store of James Hewitt, in Berlin, there were three customers in the store, and he watched through the window until they went out. The stranger then entered the store, and Charles McIlvaine, a clerk, was at the cash register, when he heard a voice and turned to face a pistol. "Give me all the money you have, and give it to me quick, or I will blow your brains out!" the stranger said.

McIlvaine dropped under the counter in such a position that the man could not see him. The clerk crawled to a side door, which he opened and sprang toward the back yard. A bullet flew past his head and passed through the door. The clerk hastened toward the front of the store, and got there just as the stranger was mounting his wheel. McIlvaine ran to seize the man, when, springing from the bicycle, the latter fired another shot, which whizzed past the clerk's head. John Allen, who lives near by, hearing the shots, ran into the street, and a third bullet was fired at him. Remounting his wheel, the stranger attempted to get away, but ran over the end of a bridge. The wheel was broken, and the man ran down the road. In the mean time citizens, attracted by the shooting, hastily armed themselves with pistols and shotguns. Justice Bennett, an octogenarian, was among them. Rabbit hounds were secured, and the chase began. In half an hour the man was caught and taken back to Berlin, where he was quickly surrounded by an angry crowd, which cried "Lynch him!" One man got a rope, but Justice Bennett warned the crowd that violence would be punished. The stranger gave his name as Walter Atkinson, twenty years old, of No. 312 Arch-st., this city. He was brought to the county jail, and to-day he confessed that he tried to hold up the clerk because he was out of money.

THREE LIVES LOST IN FIRE.

"THE DAILY ADVERTISER AND RECORD," OF BOSTON, BURNED OUT.

Boston, March 15.—Three lives sacrificed, nearly a dozen men more or less injured and many thousands of dollars' damage, was the result of a fierce fire that started in the pressroom of "The Daily Advertiser and Record" in the seven story granite front building in Newspaper Row, Washington-st., to-night. The dead are:

JUDSON CRAFT, of Cambridge, proofreader.
JAMES RICHARDSON, Sr., of Boston, proofreader.
WALTER LUSCOMB, of Salem, proofreader.

Among the injured are:

HARRY HOLT, compositor, hip broken and badly burned.
D. H. FARWELL, compositor, arm severely bruised by jumping.
Three compositors, named DUFFY, HUBBARD and MURPHY, badly bruised by jumping.
Four firemen slightly cut and bruised.

How the fire started is not known, but it was first seen in teh pressroom and like a flash it spread to the elevator well and darted to the top so rapidly that when the occupants of the two upper floors were aware that the building was on fire their rooms were filled with flames and smoke so stifling that it was with difficulty any one of them escaped. In the editorial room, on the sixth floor, there were only five men. All had to run for their lives.

One of the men in the editorial room managed to feel his way down the stairway to the street, which he reached in an exhausted state. The others ran to the fire escape on the southerly side of the building, from which they jumped to the roof of the building adjoining, occupied by Woodbury's café and billiard hall, through which they descended to the street. On the upper floor, occupied by the composing room, were some eighteen compositors and proofreaders, whose situation was most critical. Panic stricken, they rushed for the windows leading to the fire escapes, and all but three of them succeeded in gaining the roof of the Woodbury building, where they remained for a time shouting to the crowd which had gathered in the street below, and by whom they were warned not to jump, as help was at hand.

Long ladders were raised as quickly as the network of electric wires over the street would permit, but even before a ladder could be placed in position to relieve them the men had dropped through a skylight in the Woodbury building roof and reached places of safety. Except in the pressroom, in the basement, there was practically no fire in the building below the fifth story. The pressmen do not begin work, fortunately, until about 11 o'clock and no one was in the pressroom at the time the first started, except the fireman, who had not been seen up to a late hour.

DENIES LONG LEASE TO ICE TRUST.

REASON WHY APPLICATION FOR A BULKHEAD WAS NOT GRANTED.

The Dock Board yesterday denied the application of the American Ice Company for a lease for ten years of the bulkhead between new Piers 32 and 33, East River.

William H. Burke, secretary of the Dock Board, said last night that the application of the American Ice Company had been denied because it was thought by the commissioners that the use of the bulkhead should be reserved for merchants of that neighborhood. Another reason was that the Dock Board was trying to have the street widened there. The granting of leases to the ice company of piers at other places on the river front, said Mr. Burke, would depend on the needs of other business men for such privileges.

THE POPULATION OF INDIA.

FIXED BY THE CENSUS AT 294,000,000—SMALL INCREASE IN TEN YEARS.

Calcutta, March 15.—Complete census returns give the population of India as 294,000,000, an increase in the last decade of 7,000,000. Deducting the population of the Beloochistan, Shaustaks, Chin Hills and Sikkim territory, enumerated for the first time, a net increase is shown of only 1.4 per cent, which is due to improved census methods. Thus, the population is for the first time stationary. Owing to two famines, mortality from disease and a great decline in the birth rate, the native States show excessive declines. These results were quite unexpected.

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