

CANTOR BREAKS GROUND.

Extension of Riverside Drive Formally Begun.

Borough President Cantor broke ground for the extension of Riverside Drive yesterday, at Riverside Viaduct and One-hundred-and-thirty-fifth-st. There were many city officials present, and also a number of men and women interested in the work.

It gives me pleasure, as President of this Borough, to inaugurate the work of extending Riverside Drive. The importance of this work, not only from an artistic and architectural standpoint, but also from the point of view of the territory, cannot be exaggerated.

After giving a brief review of the work up to the present time, Mr. Cantor said:

The lines of the driveway do not exactly accord with my views, but the status authorizing its construction was mandatory in terms, and no discretion was allowed me in determining the route. The work, however, is being done in accordance with the plan, and it is to be hoped that it will be completed in a timely manner.

The spade with which President Cantor broke ground had the following inscription: "Extension of Riverside Drive. Ground broken December 12, 1903, by the Hon. Jacob A. Cantor, at the junction of One-hundred-and-thirty-fifth-st. and Riverside Drive."

DR. MAXWELL FOR HIGH SALARIES

City Superintendent Against Decreasing Pay of Teachers in Public Schools.

"Nonsense, I would fight any reduction in teachers' salaries," exclaimed Superintendent Maxwell, when asked what he thought of the views of those who favor a cut in the pay of teachers.

"The interests of the teachers should always be subordinate to the interests of the children in the schools. Many activities outside the regular work of the grade teachers have been put into operation in connection with the schools, such as the departments of physical training, sewing, cooking, kindergartens, vacation schools and playgrounds, recreation centres, etc. Any considerable increase in teachers' salaries at present would impede the future of these enterprises."

STOLEN MAILBAG IS FOUND.

A mailbag stolen from the New-York Central station at White Plains on December 5 was found in the Bronx River yesterday by a boy who was fishing in the river a mile below White Plains. In it were a number of envelopes, the contents of which had been removed. All the letters had been opened, and those of no value to the thief had been put back in the bag.

D. B. Bedell & Co. Gold Decorated Glass.

Our exhibit of this beautiful ware is most interesting. Vases, Cordial Sets, Roomers, Punch Cups, Finger Bowls and Plates.

"Old Masters."

RARE AND BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLES AT The Ehrich Galleries, No. 8 West 33d St., opposite the Waldorf.

SLEIGH, CARRIAGE AND AUTO ROBES. Hudson Bay Sable, Mink, Wolverine, Siberian Squirrel, Otter, Sealiskin, Wolf, Fox, Japan F. X. Esquimaux Dog, C. S. SHAYNE, 41st and 42d Sts., between Broadway and 6th sts.

PRESIDENT CANTOR BREAKING GROUND AT ONE-HUNDRED-AND-THIRTY-FIFTH-ST. FOR THE EXTENSION OF RIVERSIDE DRIVE.



OLD DOCK BOARD SAVED.

Jerome Not Likely to Carry Lease Cases Any Further.

There is little probability that District Attorney Jerome will make any further attempt to punish the old Dock Board for its queer ways of transacting business under the Van Wyck administration.

The statute of limitations bars any criminal proceedings growing out of irregular transactions in the old board after a lapse of two years. Alderman Charles F. Murphy, brother of John J. Murphy, brother of the city a lease of one of the piers now held in the name of the New-York Contracting and Trucking Company, while they were city officials.

SAILORS THROW AMBERGRIS AWAY.

It Wasn't Any Use for Slushing Down the Rigging, They Said.

Two sailors on the Kelvinbank, which arrived in this port some days ago from the tropics, unwittingly laid a fortune slip through their hands. While on the coast of Brazil, Adolph Hansen and Peter Smith, who were on the dog watch, saw off the port bow, a spongy mass of some greasy substance. It was black, with the exception of a few places where it was mottled like marble.

MRS. RHINELANDER TO SANATORIUM.

Her Brother Objects to Her Going at First, but Finally Acquiesces.

Mrs. Margaret Rhineland, wife of William C. Rhineland, was yesterday committed to the Long Island Home, a private sanatorium for the insane at Amityville, on an order of the Supreme Court signed by Justice Fitzgerald.

MAY OPEN PART OF WESTCHESTER.

The Stamford Trolley Line Reported to Have Traded Its Power Plant.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 12 (Special).—It is reported that the Russell, Burdall & Ward Bolt and Nut Company, one of the largest concerns engaged in the manufacture of the Byram River, in this town, for more than forty years, has bought, or is about to purchase, the power plant of the New-York and Stamford trolley road, located at Rye, N. Y., and will occupy the property for its business.

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Dr. C. L. Magruder was hurriedly summoned. Mr. Procter was assisted to bed and shortly afterward fell asleep, and improved so much as to encourage his friends to hope for a speedy recovery. Civil Service Commissioner Cooley informed Mrs. Procter and also the President, who expressed concern and kept in touch with the patient's condition.



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Shortly after 2 o'clock there was another attack. The stricken man gasped twice, and death followed. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt were shocked by the news. They called personally at the clubhouse and spent considerable time at Mr. Procter's bedside. When the President returned to the White House Mrs. Roosevelt remained with Mrs. Procter. The body was carried late this afternoon to the family apartments in the Marlborough.

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ANNY GRAMERCY PARK RESIDENTS.

The Hewitts and Poores Troubled by Beggars—Prisoner Sent to Workhouse.

Patrolman Jacob Lowenheim, of the East Twenty-second-st. station, in arraigning a prisoner charged with begging before Magistrate Pool, in Yorkville Police Court, yesterday, said that the residents of houses about Gramercy Park and lower Lexington-ave. had been much annoyed of late by the persistent appeals of begging persons. These beggars, he said, rang doorbells, and if their demands were not satisfied became so violent and abusive that the servants and members of the families annoyed until she has recovered from the strain of the trial.

MOST OF ATLANTIC LINERS OVERDUE.

Westerly Gales Retard Them—New-York and Umbria Due Yesterday.

Most of the transatlantic steamers are several hours overdue. There has been a series of westerly gales raging at sea for the last week, and thick weather has prevailed around the European ports, making the steamers run from twelve to twenty-four hours behind their schedule.

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Advertisement for John Daniell Sons & Sons, featuring the text 'CHANGE IN BUSINESS HOURS. From To-morrow until Christmas. Store Opens at 8:30 A. M. Closes at 7. P. M.' It lists various goods like Limoges China, Toilet Sets, and Manicure Sets with prices.

Advertisement for MAUSER MANUFACTURING COMPANY SILVERSMITHS, featuring the text 'DAINTY HOLIDAY REMEMBRANCES' and 'OUR OWN ARTISTIC CREATIONS IN SILVER AND GLASS.' It lists various silver and glass items with prices and includes the address '14 EAST 15th STREET'.