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SKATING IN CENTRAL PARK YESTERDAY.

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DEPEW CONGRATULATED.

Senator Receives Many Letters—Mr. Platt's Comments.

Senator Dewey spent most of the day yesterday in receiving and acknowledging congratulations on account of his prospective re-election. He called on Senator Platt in the afternoon and black went to Troy in the afternoon to spend New Year's with his family.

Senator Dewey's desk was piled high with telegrams and letters when the newspaper men called on him. "There isn't anything new to say about my prospective re-election," said the Senator.

"Your friends, Senator, are saying that you will resume active leadership of the organization," it was suggested. "It is useless to discuss a matter of that character at this time," said the Senator.

DR. CARTER'S REPLY.

Ready to Reopen Westminster Confession Argument—"Lost Cause."

The attention of the Rev. Dr. Carter, of Huntington, Long Island, who was recently before the Nassau Presbytery for examination as to certain views regarding the Westminster Confession, was called last night to the resolutions adopted by a committee of the presbytery the text of which was printed in yesterday's Tribune.

I think there has been general satisfaction with the outcome of the matter before the Presbytery of Nassau, and I think that the committee has made a great mistake in making an extra statement in regard to a compromise arranged by the presbytery and itself.

FIFTY-TON STONE MOVED.

Four Auto Trucks Finally Take Monolith to Custom House.

The fifty-ton stone which is to form the lintel of the Custom House, fronting Bowling Green, was moved yesterday from the bulkhead between piers 3 and 4, East River, up Whitehall-st. to a point from which it can be hoisted into place.

This stone, next to Cleopatra's Needle in Central Park, is the biggest monolith in this city, exceeding in weight even the sections of the great pillars of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, or those of the new Hall of Records.

SEE THE OLD YEAR OUT.

With some exquisite Moselle or Rhine wine of Binckel and Winkler, Frankfurt-on-Main. Highest award at St. Louis. At exclusive hotels, restaurants and wine merchants.—Adv.

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DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

Important Appointments President Roosevelt Has Decided to Make.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Roosevelt is devoting some time at present to consideration of important appointments in the diplomatic and consular service of the government which are to be made formally by him at the beginning of the new administration next March.

While no official announcement of the President's intention as to any of the important diplomatic posts has yet been made, it is known that he has decided on several changes. Joseph H. Choate, Ambassador to the Court of St. James, has indicated that he does not desire to continue longer as the representative of this government in Great Britain, and that he expects when relieved to return to America to look after his personal interests here.

General Horace Porter, American Ambassador to France, will retire from that post soon after March 4. He was appointed by President McKinley, and with the expiration of his present term will have served the United States at the French capital eight years. The President has selected General Porter's successor, but at this time no announcement of his decision can be made.

Charlemagne Tower, American Ambassador to Germany, and Robert S. McCormick, American Ambassador to Russia, will continue at their respective posts. Strong influences have been brought to bear in behalf of both Ambassadors Tower and McCormick. In addition, their services have been satisfactory to the government. The President finds it a pleasure, therefore, to reappoint them.

Bellamy Storer, Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, will continue as the American representative at the court of Vienna, unless the President should decide to transfer him to another post in the diplomatic service.

As to the Ambassadorship to Italy, nothing of a definite nature can be said now. It has been rumored that Ambassador George V. L. Meyer is to succeed General Porter at Paris, but it can be said that such a change is not certain. The probabilities are that Ambassador Meyer will remain at Rome.

General Powell Clayton having decided to relinquish his post as Ambassador to Mexico at the end of the present administration, he will be succeeded by Edwin H. Conger, now United States Minister to China. It is not expected that Mr. Conger will continue long at the Mexican capital, as he is understood to intend to return to his home State of Iowa to be a candidate for Governor in succession to Governor Cummins. When he leaves the City of Mexico he will be succeeded by David E. Thompson, of Nebraska, who at present is American Minister to Brazil. Mr. Thompson accepted the appointment to Brazil with the understanding that he would be appointed to a higher place in the diplomatic service as soon as opportunity offered.

KAISERIN IN PERIL.

Her Carriage Nearly Run Down by a Truck in Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—A reckless driver of a heavy truck came near running down the carriage of the Empress Augusta Victoria to-night. He drove toward the station at full speed through the police line and directly toward the carriage of the Empress, and the officers barely succeeded in averting a collision. The driver vigorously resisted arrest.

BOY IS LOST IN SWAMP.

Runs About All Night to Keep from Freezing—He Escapes Death.

Charles Brantjen, ten years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brantjen, of No. 463 Columbia-ave., Hudson City, N. J., was found yesterday afternoon in a half frozen and famished condition on the Hackensack meadows. Brantjen had become separated from his parents on Thursday afternoon and had been exposed for twenty-four hours.

ROCKEFELLER CHECK AS WEDDING GIFT.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 30.—One of the gifts to Miss Gertrude Lewis and Dr. H. W. N. Bennett, of Manchester, N. H., who were married in Sioux City last evening, was a check from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The receipt of the check was announced when messages were received, but its value was not disclosed. It is stated, however, that there were four figures in the check. Dr. Bennett and Mrs. Rockefeller, it is said, were college friends.

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GATES CLOSE ON H. GIBB.

Says Member of Drygoods Firm Violated Speed Limit on Bridge.

On Howard Gibb, of the drygoods firm of Mills & Gibb, Nos. 462 and 464 Broadway, and his chauffeur, the "runaway gates" were closed yesterday afternoon on the Brooklyn Bridge because the patrolman on the north roadway thought that Mr. Gibb's automobile was exceeding the speed limit.

At the ringing of the warning gong the gates at the Manhattan end were closed, and the machine was brought to a stop. Patrolman Scannell, of the bridge squad, says that he shouted to the chauffeur to stop, but that his orders were disregarded. Then he rang the gong. The patrolman says the big automobile passed three trolley cars, and as they are supposed to run at about twelve miles an hour, he thought the machine was running far beyond the proper speed.

Mr. Gibb indignantly denied the charge when he was stopped by Patrolman Farren at the Manhattan end. The argument was prolonged until Scannell arrived to press the charge, when it was decided to go to the Oak-st. station. The machine went there with Mr. Gibb, the chauffeur and the patrolman.

At the station Scannell preferred a charge of exceeding the speed limit against the chauffeur, who said he was Emil Lindenkade, of No. 4 West Tenth-st. Mr. Gibb lives at No. 37 Fifth-ave.

BARRY GETS ANXIOUS.

Term of Office May Expire Before Dr. Chadwick's Arrival.

If the Pretoria, on which Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, does not arrive within a few hours Sheriff Barry, of Cleveland, will be unable to take the husband of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick on the extradition papers issued by Governor Odell, for Sheriff Barry has only a few hours left in which to be Sheriff. At their expiration his term will end and he will be plain Mr. Barry, at whom Dr. Chadwick could whistle Lillibulero.

The overdue Pretoria had not been sighted up to a late hour last night. Should she arrive and go to a Hoboken pier while Sheriff Barry is still in office and before he has had time to serve the papers on Dr. Chadwick elsewhere, he will be confronted with another difficult situation.

LIFE SAVERS WRECKED.

Boat Splintered Against Schooner's Side—Comrades Rescue Them.

Eastport, Long Island, Dec. 29.—The Oak Island Life Saving crew to-day rescued the life savers of the Fire Island station after the latter's boat had been dashed to splinters while they were endeavoring to remove sailors from the stranded schooner McClellan.

The Fire Island men had succeeded, after a hard row through the breakers, in reaching the schooner, aboard of which were two men. When they were ranging alongside a mountainous wave threw the lifeboat against the side of the schooner. The lifeboat was demolished, the men saving their lives by jumping and catching the low railings of the schooner.

The Oak Island savers, who had been anxiously observing their companions from the beach, launched their boat and forced her through the heavy seas to the McClellan. After many futile attempts they were successful in getting for an instant under the lee of the ship, when those on board sprang into her. The return to the shore was almost as perilous as the trip out, the men being completely exhausted and drenched on landing.

CHASES THIEF TO CHINA.

Chinese Merchant Made Bankrupt by Robbery—Helped Slocum Victims.

Quon, Hing & Co., importers of Chinese fancy teas, silks and groceries, at No. 17 Mott-st., were forced to close their store yesterday because a Chinaman had robbed them of \$12,000. The robber, it is believed, has started for China with the money. He will be pursued to that country by Quon Hing.

QUICKEST LINE TO CLEVELAND.

Leave New York 5:35 P. M. arrive Cleveland 1:35 next morning. Cincinnati 1:20 P. M. Indianapolis 3:50 P. M. St. Louis 6:45 P. M. by New York Central Fine Service. No excess fare.—Adv.

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TO BRING IT UP TO DATE.

ELIHU ROOT IN BOARD.

Reorganization of Washington Life —John Tatlock Its President.

The reorganization of the Washington Life Insurance Company was completed yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the directors, held at the company's offices, No. 141 Broadway. John Tatlock, of No. 376 West End-ave., was elected president, vice William A. Brewer, Jr., who resigned. Mr. Tatlock was formerly an actuary for the Mutual Life Insurance Company. Mr. Brewer remains a member of the board of directors.

The Washington Life Insurance Company has been for some time in a state of reorganization. Not long ago the company applied to the Commissioner of Insurance of this State for a thorough examination. It is said that a commissioner for a Western State, probably Wisconsin, demanded an examination, and that the company preferred one by the New-York Commissioner. Yesterday's reorganization, however, is not a result of the examination, according to company officials. Ex-Governor Levi P. Morton, who for forty-four years has been a director in the company, and for many years a leading figure in its management, is believed to have been behind the movement. The time was opportune, as there were five vacancies in the board of twenty-seven directors. Among recent resignations were those of Morris B. Read, Henry H. Cook and Charles P. Britton. Mr. Cook retired on account of advancing age. He has sold his stock.

The new directors elected yesterday were Winthrop Rutherford, a son-in-law of ex-Governor Morton, W. A. Street, Elihu Root, ex-Secretary of War, Thomas F. Ryan, Harry Payne Whitney, Charles H. Allen, vice-president of the Morton Trust Company, and John Tatlock, the new president.

CLAIMS MARSH FORTUNE.

Son of New-York Lawyer Says He's Adopted Son.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 30.—There was a surprise in the hearing for the revocation of the will of Luther R. Marsh, the New-York lawyer and the victim of Ann Odella Dis de Bar and Mrs. Clarissa Huyler, the alleged spiritualist mediums. The surprise was in the person of Douglas Stuart, who alleges he is an adopted son of Marsh. Stuart is a grandson of the late Alvin Stuart, father-in-law of Mr. Marsh and once a well known New-York lawyer. Another claimant to the Marsh fortune is an infant grandson of the late George Francis Train, who was represented by Judge John J. Beattie.

BROOKLYN GIRL ROBBED IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Miss Marion A. Goodyear, daughter of the late Dr. John Goodyear, of Brooklyn, to-day reported to a chief of Police Kiley that somebody had entered her room at night when she was asleep and had stolen from the dresser her gold watch and chain valued at \$25. Kiley assigned a detective to the case.

LIVING TREE DEEP IN A MINE.

Cripple Creek, Col., Dec. 30.—In an old shaft in the American Eagle mine, at a point 1,100 feet below the surface, miners to-day found a quaking ash tree, alive and well developed. It was near a watercourse and where there is a strong current of air from an unknown source.

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NOT IN CITY HALL PARK.

But Best's Bridge Extension Would Use Subway Entrance Space.

Bridge Commissioner George E. Best said yesterday that his revised plans for the Brooklyn Bridge terminal improvements at Park Row did not contemplate encroaching upon the City Hall Park.

"The original plan," said Mr. Best, "contemplated a temporary structure leading up toward the City Hall, covering the grass plot for about one hundred feet, and would have made necessary the cutting down of a tree. This was objected to strenuously, and the plans were amended so as not to extend the proposed terminal over the grass plot of City Hall Park. The new plans do, however, contemplate using considerable space near the entrances to the subway. The plans were turned in to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment by us, and I was told the other day that they had been forwarded to Park Commissioner Pallas for his opinion. They go to him because the Park Department has jurisdiction in the parks, and the new terminal would run right up to the edge of the plaza near the subway entrances. It would be well if the terminal could be improved and enlarged without extending the steel structure further toward the City Hall Park. The engineers find that to allow the running of longer trains the terminal will have to be extended."

Calvin Tomkins, president of the Municipal Art Society, declared yesterday that the proposed enlargement of the terminal was unwise. He said:

I believe that no adequate solution of the bridge congestion problem will be secured until such time as the bridge tracks are projected by the extension proposed by the Bridge Department is likely to be of a temporary character if once created, it will remain there for the same reason that the ugly elevated railway structure continues to disfigure Battery Park.

PARKER LOSES CASE.

Former Associates Decide Against Him—Judge Martin Retires.

Albany, Dec. 30.—The hard luck that has been the portion of Alton B. Parker, the Democratic candidate for the Presidency, has not ended, for to-day the Court of Appeals, made up of his former associates, ruled against him in his first case. Beyond the fact that it was argued by the former chief judge, the case was of little importance. It involved a value of about \$38,000, and affected a Long Island property. The case came to the Court of Appeals on a motion to set aside the decision of the lower court, and Judge Parker argued in favor of such an action. His appearance in Albany was attended with a reunion of the members of the Court of Appeals, but the decision was against the attorney, who is reported to have taken the case mainly as a result of a personal acquaintance with the appellants.

The meeting of the Court of Appeals to-day was also marked by the rather pathetic leaving of Judge Clara E. Martin, whose term expires to-morrow and who retires because of age. Judge Martin said goodbye to all the court attendants at the close of the extended session of the court. His place will be filled by Judge William E. Werner, who was elected in November.

Colora E. Martin was born in Newport, Herkimer County, N. Y., on August 23, 1851. She was educated at Newport and at Fairfeld and Holland Park. Judge Martin studied law at Newport, and was admitted to the bar in July, 1876. He practiced at Whitney's Point and Binghamton. In 1877 he was appointed, and later in the same year elected, justice of the Supreme Court, being re-elected in 1881. In 1887 he was designated as justice of the general term, and acted as such until December 31, 1888, when he declined to accept the office from which he is now retiring.

A VETERAN DIES ON "L."

Arion Club House Custodian Decorated by Royalty for Bravery.

Theodore Exner, custodian of the Arion Club House, Fifty-ninth-st. and Park-ave., fell dead yesterday afternoon on the uptown platform of the Third-ave. elevated road, at Houston-st. He had been decorated by Emperor William I of Germany with the Order of the Iron Cross, and by King John of Saxony, his native land, with the Order of the Cross of Albert, for conspicuous bravery in battle on Sedan and other fields.

At the Arion Club it was said last night that Mr. Exner was of excellent family and was held in the highest regard by persons of his blood in this city. He was born in Zittau, Saxony, in 1848. He rose to the rank of captain of artillery under King John of his native kingdom, serving in the war with Prussia in 1866. He also fought throughout the Franco-Prussian War. Besides the two decorations referred to, it is said that he had six others of similar character.

He came to this country in 1873. In 1881 he entered the employ of Ernest Duhfus & Co., bankers, at No. 122 Bovey, and continued there until the death of the senior member of the firm a year ago. Then he went to the Arion Club. Only two weeks ago he was a guest at the komers, held in honor of Lieutenant General von Losenfeld, the personal adjutant of Emperor William, and Count Schmettow, major of the Imperial Guards, an adjutant at large, who came to this country as representatives of the Emperor at the unveiling of the statue of Frederick the Great in Washington.

Mr. Exner occupied a furnished room at No. 300 East Fifty-seventh-st.

Only one twenty-hour train between New-York and Chicago—the "Twenty-fourth Century Limited," via the New-York Central-Lake Shore route.—Adv.

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TO EXPOSE ALL FRAUDS.

COURT ACTS IN DENVER.

Thorough Investigation of Election Ordered by Supreme Tribunal.

Denver, Dec. 30.—Stretching its hand so as to cast a shadow over every man and woman in any way implicated in election frauds of the city and county of Denver on or before or after November 8, the Supreme Court to-day ordered an investigation so sweeping in its scope that every phase of the election may be scrutinized, and everything that bears in any way upon it may be made known by judicial inquiry.

Alva Adams, Democratic candidate for Governor, who appeared from the returns to have been elected, but who has declared that he does not want the office tainted with fraud, asked the court to open every Denver ballot box, but the order of the court goes beyond the mere examination of the ballots, and provides for an investigation of the registration lists, the campaign expenditures, and, in brief, all election matters.

Samuel W. Bedford, counsel for Adams, and Henry J. Hersey, for the Republicans, asked the court to make its order of such breadth that the court need not stop at anything in the investigation. The court said that was what it meant to do, and instructed the lawyers to agree upon the wording of the order and present it to the court for approval next Tuesday.

As there are two hundred and four ballot boxes, it is evident that several months will be consumed in the examination of their contents by the two handwriting experts to be appointed for this work.

It is expected that the Supreme Court will be asked to make an order placing special watchers at the courthouse to guard the registration books until such time as the investigation is made.

"There are probably twenty thousand fraudulent registrations on the books of the city and county of Denver," said Attorney James H. Brown, the principal adviser of the Republican City Central Committee, to-day.

F. A. Williams, chairman of the Republican committee, has published the following statement over his signature:

Our investigation into the conduct of the recent election in Denver has developed the fact that approximately twenty thousand fraudulent votes were cast or counted for Alva Adams in this city. There is now no reasonable doubt that Governor Peabody and the entire Republican State ticket was fairly elected on November 8 by the votes of a large majority of the legal voters of this State.

What effect, if any, the court's action to-day will have upon the course of the legislature in respect to canvassing the vote for Governor and determining whether Peabody or Adams is entitled to the seat has not become apparent. Chief Justice Gabbert particularly stated that the court's investigation will not be permitted in any way to interfere with any investigation that may be set on foot by the General Assembly.

Republicans as well as Democrats admit that the opening of all the Denver boxes complicates the political situation in Colorado, but believe that it means that there will be no serious trouble, as predicted.

Governor Peabody expressed himself as follows regarding the court's decision:

I am more than pleased that the Supreme Court has decided to open every ballot box in Denver, and my only regret is that every box in the State will not be opened. A point in favor of the opening of the boxes by the Supreme Court is that it takes the matter away from politics.

When the highest tribunal in the State is through counting the votes in Denver it will settle beyond question who is elected. I consider the decision of the court an eminently wise and just one.

It was announced late to-day that the Republican plan to unseat Democratic Senators had been modified, and that possibly only Senators Borna and Healy, who were seated by the Democratic majority on contests two years ago, would be turned out.

It also was reported that on the advice of influential Republicans the proposition to memorialize the United States Senate to unseat Senator Teller would be abandoned.

Senator Teller is now on his way to Washington, carrying with him the record of the contempt cases before the Supreme Court here, also the necessary papers to sue out a writ of error and apply for a supercedas before the United States Supreme Court in behalf of the imprisoned election officers who were convicted of contempt by the State Supreme Court. An application for a writ of habeas corpus also will be made in behalf of the prisoners.

Warrants have been issued by the Supreme Court for eight more persons in election contempt cases. It is understood that these arrests, when made, will bring at least three more such cases before the Supreme Court.

The hearing of the contempt cases will be resumed next Tuesday.

Announcements of the managers of the Republican post-election campaign indicate their confidence that the legislators, in which at the outset on joint ballot there will be sixty-six Republicans to thirty-three Democrats, will throw out enough Democratic votes to Denver to overcome Alva Adams's ten thousand plurality for Governor and declare Governor James H. Peabody re-elected. These Republican leaders justify such action on the claim that in all the Democratic precincts frauds were perpetrated, and that these frauds were as extensive as those shown in the five precincts of which the Supreme Court ordered the ballot boxes opened. This is denied by the Democratic leaders, who assert that the ballot boxes opened in court may have been stuffed since the election in support of a corporation conspiracy to steal the Governorship and Senate and pack the Supreme Court, which is to be increased from three justices to seven on April 4 next.

FAVORS WHIPPING POST.

Washington Grand Jury Recommends It for Wife Beaters.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The local grand jury, in making its final report for the present term of the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia, to-day recommended the establishment of the whipping post in the District. The question has been agitated since President Roosevelt in his last message to Congress recommended corporal punishment for wife beaters in the District of Columbia. The recommendation of the grand jury is as follows:

The desirability of establishing the whipping post as a means of punishing wife beaters and petty larceny offenses has been investigated by this body, and the majority of the members are of the opinion that it would prove very effective in decreasing the number of these reprehensible crimes.

THROUGH SLEEPING CAR TO CLEVELAND.

via Pennsylvania Railroad, leaves New-York (West 23d St.) at 4:55 P. M. daily; arrives Cleveland 7:15 A. M. Other good trains.—Adv.

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