

THE HOOKER CHARGES.

BEFORE THE STATE BAR.

Investigation by Legislature Before Compelling Tribunal Favored.

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PENSION BILL CHANGED.

Applies Only to Justices of First Department.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Albany, Jan. 17.—The Judges' Pension bill, which provoked a bitter contest at the last session, will make its reappearance soon, as The Tribune has already forecasted, but in a materially modified form. The new bill will apply only to the first department and will carry no State charge, so that it will be, in effect, a local New-York City measure.

The bill will, of course, die in committee, but it is expected that it will be reintroduced in the next session. It is believed that the measure will provide that retired Justices of the Supreme Court in the First Judicial Department under specified restriction shall constitute a special body to which shall be submitted references and which shall formulate reports in aid of the conscience of the court.

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LINDSAU TO STATE BAR.

R. L. Hand and Simon Fleischmann Also Speak.

Albany, Jan. 17.—The New-York State Bar Association to-night rounded out the first day of its twenty-eighth annual meeting, with a reception at the Fort Orange Club, in honor of William Lindsay, of New-York City, formerly United States Senator from Kentucky, and later chief Justice of the highest court of the State.

The association elected the following officers: President, Richard L. Hand, of Elizabethtown; vice-presidents, Stephen Brainerd, of New-York; James McKeen, of Brooklyn; William F. Rudd, of Albany; Edgar T. Brackett, of Saratoga; Edwin Nottingham, of Syracuse; Frederick Collin, of Elmira; John Van Voorhis, of Rochester, and John Cunneen, of Buffalo; secretary, Frederick E. Wadhams, of Albany; treasurer, Albert Hessberg, of Albany.

President Hand, in his introductory remarks, paid a tribute to the loftiness of the law and the unselfishness of the lawyer, and pointed out that out of the twenty-five men who had occupied the Presidential chair twenty were taught in the law, and no less than twenty-two of the thirty-two Governors of the Empire State were members of the bar.

Charles E. Hughes, of New-York, spoke on "Arrest and Imprisonment on Civil Process," and Adrian H. Joline, of New-York, discussed "Martin Van Buren the Lawyer." To-night ex-Senator William Lindsay, formerly of Kentucky, now of New-York City, delivered the annual address in the Assembly chamber on "Consolidation of the Government of the States Composing the Federal Union."

Is the United States of America a nation? Are the United States of America to be spoken of as plural or singular? The two propositions involved in this inquiry are "Consolidation of the Government of the States Composing the Federal Union," and "The United States of America as a nation." The speaker, Mr. Lindsay, pointed out that the United States is a nation, and that the States are members of the Union.

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CANAL RESOLUTION LOST.

Senate Defeats Brackett's Asking Attorney General Mayer's Opinion.

Albany, Jan. 17.—For over two hours to-day the Senate debated the proposition to ask the Attorney General's opinion on the validity of the Barge Canal act, and, after considering several substitute measures, defeated Senator Brackett's original resolution by a vote of 39 to 19. This resolution, originally introduced last week, requested the Attorney General to decide whether the Canal law infringed the section of the federal Constitution protecting navigable waters.

When Senator Brackett called for the adoption of his resolution Senator Cassidy, of Watkins, offered an amendment, referring to the Attorney General the entire question of constitutionality. He maintained that the act contained many questions which could not legally have been submitted to the popular vote.

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After an extended debate, Senator Lewis offered a substitute resolution, making the question to be laid before the Attorney General one of constitutionality only. Finally, to avoid unduly prolonging the discussion, both Senators Lewis and Cassidy, at the request of Senator Hill, withdrew their measures, and the vote was taken on the original Brackett resolution.

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WITNESS ASSAULTED. Trouble Follows Hearing in "Strike Breaker" Case. After the hearing before Commissioner Keating yesterday of the charges being preferred against Isidor Herz, the "strike breaker," charged with violating the employment agency license law by the Mine Workers' Union, says he was accused of witness assault.

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