AT WINONA LAKE.

Report on Church Building Shows Great Activity.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Winona Lake, Ind., May 25.—"If you ever hear a pessimist say that religion is declining in America," said Dr. B. N. White, of New-York, to-day, in the Presbyterian General Assembly, "ask him if he knows that from fifteen to twenty new houses of worship are dedicated every day in the week and every week in the year." Some of the commissioners looked a trifle dubious at this remarkable statement, but Dr. White added: "I know that that statement is correct, for I have made a study of the question." Dr. White made an earnest plea for the Board of Church Erection, of which he is secretary.

President Roosevelt sent a message to the Assembly to-night through Henry MacFarland, president of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who read the message at a popular meeting. The President expressed the hope that the day would soon come when all branches of the Presbyterian Church would be united into one great body, and the assembly gave its approval in prolonged applause.

Dr. Henry van Dyke, of Princeton, the chairman of the committee on forms and service, was on the platform to-day, and expressed regret that his report could not have an earlier presentation. When told that there was no place for it until to-morrow he said:

"I was anxious simply to have my skirts cleared."

Quick as a flash came this announcement from Dr. Moffat:

"The Moderator officially declares that Dr. van Dyke's skirts are clear."

Another telegram was received to-day from the Cumberland Assembly at Fresno, Cal., announcing that the committee of that assembly having in charge the organic union question had been enlarged, with instructions to consider all further steps necessary to consummate the union and report to the next meeting of the assembly a year hence. The action of the two assemblies, which is uniform, was decided on two months ago. Two views are expressed here concerning this proposed action.

One is that it means that all of the preliminary steps for an organic union will be agreed on within a year, reported to the next assembly, and that the formal union will become a fact in 1907, after which there will be one general assembly of the two bodies instead of two. The other view is that the delay means the consummation of the union will be put off from year to year until the matter will be dropped. Those who have opposed the union from the outset declare that they see a reaction setting in, but no one would infer that from the unanimity of the assembly here or of the majority of the Cumberland Assembly voting on the question.

The Cumberland Assembly will meet next year in Decatur, Ill., and the branch of the Church meeting here voted to-day to meet next year in Des Moines, Iowa. As the two assemblies will be near together, an interchange of committees, or even a joint meeting of the two bodies in a popular service, is not improbable. The argument used by those opposed to organic union is that the Cumberland people have not yet taken the proper constitutional steps to make the combination legal.

Columbus, Philadelphia and Saratoga competed to-day with Des Moines for the honor of entertaining the next assembly, but after a brisk debate the Iowa city was chosen unanimously.

Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, of Brooklyn, N. Y., one of the younger men in the assembly, but easily the leader of the body, had charge of a prayer meeting lasting nearly two hours, held under the auspices of the evangelistic committee. It was a special service of thanksgiving, prayer and consecration, and one of the most interesting meetings, and at the same time one of the most helpful meetings, held.

This evening Justice Harlan, the vice-moderator, presided at a meeting in the interest of laymen, at which Commissioner McFarland, of Washington, and John H. Converse, of Philadelphia, were among the speakers.

TORNADO WRECKS TOWN.

Chicota, Tex., Reported Destroyed by Storm.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 25.—A dispatch from Paris says it is reported that the little town of Chicota, eighteen miles northwest of here, has been destroyed by a heavy tornado. Wires are down, and the report cannot be confirmed. The town has a population of two hundred.

At Paris several houses were lifted from their foundations. At Fort Worth a heavy windstorm blew several houses from their foundations.

RUNAWAY CAR HITS TROLLEY.

Two Dead, Three Thought Dying, from Collision Near Clearwater, S. C.

Augusta, Ga., May 25.—Two men were killed, one fatally injured, two probably fatally, and three slightly injured, in a collision to-night between a passenger trolley car and a Louisville and Nashville coal car, on the Augusta-Aiken Railway, in a stretch of woods some miles from Augusta on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River.

The accident occurred at the foot of a steep grade several miles from Augusta, near Clearwater, S. C. The coal car, which was being conveyed to the power house, broke away from the motor car at the top of a hill and swept downward for several hundred yards, acquiring such momentum that when it struck the passenger car returning to Augusta it ground the lighter car almost in kindling wood.

THREATS TO GEN. BELL'S SUCCESSOR.

Anonymous Writers Say They Will Kidnap His Children if He Does Not Resign.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Colorado Springs, May 25.—Adjutant General Bulkeley Wells has for some time past received anonymous letters demanding that he resign. The letters have been turned over to postal Secret Service detectives, and the general has pursued his duties uninterrupted. Of late, however, his wife has received threatening letters demanding that she persuade him to resign, under penalty of having his children kidnapped and his home burned. Wells is not a pronounced auti-unionist, although he succeeded Sherman Bell, who led the Colorado militia in deporting union miners from Cripple Creek in the late strike.

ZIONISTS NOT TO GO TO AFRICA.

Uganda Colonization Scheme Disapproved.

Vienna, May 25.—The executive committee of the Zionist Congress, after studying the report of the committee sent to Africa, has adopted a resolution to the effect that it is impossible to recommend carrying out the Uganda colonization plan, and invites the congress to express thanks for Great Britain's offer to help the Hebrews.

The British government about two years ago decided to offer the Zionist Congress an elevated tract of land 299 miles long, on the Uganda Railway, between Mau and Nairobi, East Africa, for Jewish colonization, the Jews to have an autonomous government under British suzerainty. The locality was described by Sir Henry Johnston, former special commissioner for the Uganda Protectorate, in his report on the country as being admirably watered, fertile, cool, covered with noble forests, almost uninhabited, and as healthy for Europeans as Great Britain, in short, a region almost unparalleled in tropical Africa.

The Zionist Congress, after fully debating the matter, decided to send a committee to Uganda to investigate the territory. This committee returned from East Africa in March of the present year, and it was said that while the members of the committee were impressed by the healthfulness of the country they apparently were not sanguine regarding the agricultural prospects.

The Wanandi tribesmen were unfriendly, and attacked the committee's caravan, but were driven off.

FIRST BOER WAR PERFORMANCE.

The first performance of the Boer War spectacle at Brighton Beach will be given this evening at 8 o'clock before a large audience of invited guests. The first public performance will be given Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The spectacle requires a fourteen acre arena and more than a mile of scenery, showing the South African landscape. For the Brighton Beach engagement several new features, including a detachment of veterans of the famous Irish brigade under Colonel Blake, who led them in the war, have been added. In the production every man appearing is a veteran of the war. More than twenty thousand invitations have been issued for the initial performance.

"GRAFT" ON CAR LINE.

Officials of Yonkers Company Accused by Discharged Men.

The "graft" charges sworn to by several men discharged from the Yonkers trolley car service have taken a serious turn. It was learned yesterday that one or two officials of the company were to be taken into court to-day on criminal charges. The two men named in the affidavits are Frank Mears, an inspector, and William Lewis, the superintendent. President E. A. Maher was in Yonkers yesterday investigating the charges. Mr. Maher said there had been an inexplicable decrease in the receipts of the Yonkers Railroad Company, which is a part of the Union company, in the last six months. As there had been an increase in the receipts of the other trolley companies in the county for the corresponding period he had found himself unable to understand the condition of the Yonkers company.

Mr. Maher sent an increased force of inspectors to the Yonkers trolley line. They discovered that some conductors were not registering fares, and that others were negligent in collecting them. These men were discharged, which explained, he said, the reason for the dismissals in the last few weeks.

WRITS HINDER M'ADOO.

He Asks for Counsel to Fight Injunctions in Higher Courts.

Commissioner McAdoo has asked Corporation Counsel Delany to assign his assistant, Mr. Breckenridge, as counsel to fight the injunctions brought against the Police Department on insufficient or false testimony. The Commissioner was served with two injunctions to prevent the police from watching the alleged gambling house of Jimmy Wakely, at 42d-st. and 6th-ave., and McDonald's, in East 31st-st. Justice Marean, in Brooklyn, also granted a writ of mandamus ordering the Commissioner to show cause why he should not reinstate Detective Sergeant Joseph Price, one of the men caught in the wholesale lopping off of heads a few weeks ago.

The Commissioner has been hampered by injunctions. Most of them have been got from the Brooklyn judges, and Mr. McAdoo says a great many have been issued without apparent cause.

Commissioner McAdoo says that no injunction or other writ ever served on him or his officers has been or will be disregarded. He said yesterday that where these writs have been secured on insufficient evidence an appeal will be taken to the higher courts to have them set aside.

In commenting on these orders of the court, the Commissioner said:

In the mean time it is the bounden duty of the police and the Commissioner, under their oaths of office, to persist in enforcing the laws of this State despite any difficulties that may present themselves. It is especially incumbent on us to direct our efforts against brazenly impudent and fake clubs, composed in the main of professional lawbreakers and irredeemable loafers, whose testimony is of no value to any one who knows them, and whose living depends on their ingenuity and cunning in evading the law. These gentlemen are singularly exclusive in their habits. Their clubs are cavernous affairs, where they hide themselves behind doors two feet thick, barred windows, peepholes and secret means of ingress and egress, and protect themselves in front by dummy cigar stores, fake tailor shops and candy stores, or else burrow in commercial buildings among the offices of legitimate enterprises. I intend consulting with Mr. Breckenridge on the advisability of calling the attention of the Health, Building and Fire departments to the effect of these conditions on the lives and health of the people living in these fortified places.

One of the orders issued yesterday to the department was aimed at the growing gangs of corner loafers frequenting 42d-st. and 7th-ave. Since the new traffic regulations there have gone into effect the crowds of loafers have grown until they materially hinder the work of the traffic squad.

St. Clair McKelway declined yesterday the Commissioner's invitation to form one of the advisory board to select new police officers. Austen G. Fox and Morris K. Jesup have already declined to serve, Colonel Dyer and David McClure being the only ones to accept.

Following a complaint from the Women's Prison Association, the Commissioner inspected the Elizabeth-st. station in the afternoon and found it to be in the same filthy condition as most of the old stations. He is considering establishing a standard type of police station. Two stations which satisfy his idea of models are the one built two years ago in Long Island City and the new Parkville station, in the 72d Precinct. Work on the latter station is being delayed by a dispute between the architect and the contractor, the architect asserting the contractor is not following his plans and specifications. This station is expected to be the finest in the city.

MANY HURT IN COLLISION

One Dead, More May Die, from Trolley Accident Near Baltimore.

Baltimore, May 26.—William Stembler is dead and thirty-five persons are injured, as a result of the collision of two trolley cars returning from Westport, a suburban resort near here, early this morning. Others of the victims of the accident are expected to die.

The last car but one had started for the city, stopping at the Western Maryland Railroad crossing while the conductor made certain that no trains were approaching. The railroad crossing is at the bottom of a steep grade, and down this the last car for the city was approaching when the brakes failed to act. Gathering momentum at every foot this car crashed into the one standing at the bottom of the hill. The two were totally wrecked, and the fatalities would doubtless have been much more numerous but for the fact that the cars were of the open pattern used in summer.

OPERATES ON DEAD MEN'S NAMES.

New Form of Lottery Swindling Found in New-York.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Boston, May 25.—Postal Inspector Lethenman, of Boston, has unearthed a new form of lottery swindling, emanating from New-York, and hopes that publicity will furnish him with many complaints from people who have been swindled.

The scheme is worked by alleged agents of the "Honduras Lottery Company," located in Broadway, according to the circulars sent out. There is no such branch office of the Honduras Lottery Company, and the whole thing is a barefaced swindle.

The plan is to send a letter to a person recently deceased stating that he has, with eighty others, drawn the capital prize of $40,000, entitling holders of eightieths to $500 cash each. The sum of $3 in cash is requested for commissions, and the heirs receiving these letters generally send on the money in the hope of getting the sum alleged to be due them.

CHURCH UNION ABANDONED.

Madison Avenue and Fifth Avenue Baptists to Build New Structures.

With the acceptance by the Rev. Dr. Tupper, of Philadelphia, of the call from the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, the proposed union of the Fifth Avenue, Epiphany and Madison Avenue churches has been permanently abandoned, and each congregation will remain where it is. Dr. Tupper is to take hold of the Madison Avenue church about the middle of June, and is to make arrangements at once for the carrying out of the late Dr. Lorimer's idea—the erection of an institutional church.

It is not unlikely that the present edifice may be torn down and a more commodious one, modelled after the Broadway Tabernacle, built. Some favor retaining the present structure for worship and erecting a separate building for institutional work. One or other of the plans will be adopted. A big cash fund is to be subscribed.

The Fifth Avenue congregation proposes to rebuild on the present site, 46th-st., near 5th-ave. It is said to be only a matter of time when the Epiphany congregation, however, will abandon its present site and go over to the upper East Side.

DR. CUYLER PASTOR FORTY-FIVE YEARS.

In honor of the forty-fifth anniversary of his coming to the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, as its pastor, the Men's Club of the church gave a reception to the Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, in the church parlors, last night. Dr. Cuyler served as pastor for thirty years, and since that time has been the honorary pastor, although he has refused to accept the title of pastor emeritus. Although in his eighty-third year, Dr. Cuyler is still remarkably vigorous. Among those who made addresses last night were the Rev. Dr. John P. Carson, of the Central Presbyterian Church; the Rev. C. D. Case, of the Hanson Place Baptist Church; the Rev. Dr. Lindsay Parker, of the St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church; the Rev. Dr. David James Burrell, of the Marble Collegiate Church, Manhattan, and the Rev. Dr. C. J. Young.

NOTORIOUS "CROOKS" DEAD

STEALERS OF FORTUNES.

End of "Sheeny Mike" and the "Prince of Cross Roaders."

Acting Inspector O'Brien last night received reports that Michael Kurtz, alias "Sheeny Mike," in his day a notorious bank burglar, and Thomas O'Brien, alias "Big Tom," once known as "Prince of Cross Roaders," had died. "Sheeny Mike," O'Brien said, had figured in about a hundred and fifty burglaries in which over $7,000,000 had been stolen, yet he was poor when he died at Bellevue Hospital on November 23, 1904, from consumption. He gave his business as a pedler and his address as No. 438 East 9th-st.

Kurtz was credited with the discovery that soap, taken internally, produced effects on the eater which would reduce him to a skeleton and induce those in authority to pardon him, that he might not die on the hands of the State. This discovery was made while he was serving a sentence of twelve years in Massachusetts for robbing the silk house of Scott & Co., in Boston, for which he was arrested and convicted in 1877, securing his pardon a few years later. The police have records of almost half a hundred arrests for which he served probably an aggregate of fifteen years.

"Big Tom" O'Brien, famous among "crooks" for his invention of the gold brick game, it was learned through the French consul, died at Devil's Island, off the coast of French Guiana, on September 29, 1904. There he had been sentenced to a life imprisonment for shooting "Kid" Waddell, a former "pal" in Paris, several years before. O'Brien was a portly, prosperous looking man. His flowing beard was part of his stock in trade in fooling countrymen. He once got $21,000 from a Michigan farmer named Schwats. Another big haul was the robbing of Rufus W. Peck of $10,000 in bonds of the city of Albany. For this he was arrested and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. On his way to Sing Sing he escaped. He then chose France as his field of operations. O'Brien and Waddell had been "pals," but one evening they met at the Hotel du Nord and words were followed by blows. O'Brien drew a revolver and shot Waddell several time. Waddell died soon after and O'Brien was sentenced to death. His sentence was changed later to imprisonment for life.

MAKES "HOLD-UP" CHARGE

Tammany Man's Friend Then Gives Bond in Automobile Case.

On a charge of exceeding the speed limit with the automobile he was driving, W. Benton Crisp, a lawyer, of No. 40 Wall-st., living at No. 161 West 79th-st., was arrested last night and taken to the West 47th-st. station. Patrolman England said he saw the automobile, which contained three men and a woman, going north in Broadway at a rate of about eighteen miles an hour. Behind the machine was a hansom cab which contained Charles W. Hazen, of No. 161 West 79th-st., and a woman.

When England arrested Mr. Crisp Mr. Hazen also went to the station. Mr. Crisp said he was a friend of Magistrate Wahle and a member of the Tammany Hall law committee, but did not have $100 with him, and that he should be allowed to go on his own recognizance. This appeal the sergeant refused. Mr. Hazen then remarked: "This is a hold-up game."

England asked that a charge of disorderly conduct be entertained against Mr. Hazen, but he was persuaded to withdraw the charge. Mr. Hazen then went on Mr. Crisp's bond and all left the station.

OPPOSE CITY HOSPITAL.

Drs. Darlington and Biggs Urge Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Middletown, N. Y., May 25.—Commissioner Thomas Darlington and Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, representing New-York City's Board of Health, had a strenuous time to-day trying to convince the citizens of the town of Mamakating, Sullivan County, that it would be a good thing for them if a sanatorium for the care of tuberculosis patients was established in their town. The meeting was held before the town board, the consent of that body being necessary before the sanatorium can be built. About three hundred citizens attended the meeting, the majority of whom opposed the project.

Dr. Darlington was the chief speaker in favor of the proposition. He asserted that the institution would be a charitable one, that the patients would not be allowed outside of the proposed park, that all the labor required in the construction of the buildings and all supplies used in maintaining it would be procured in the neighborhood. He also said that he had a petition containing the names of a majority of the taxpayers in favor of the project. There were 184 names on the petition.

County Treasurer Merceln Skinner, in opposition, said that Dr. Darlington didn't have a majority in favor, and dramatically unrolled a petition thirty-three feet long, containing the names of five hundred people who opposed the establishing of such an institution. W. W. Bliven, of New-York, secretary of the exclusive Mamakating Park Company, which owns 5,000 acres of land in the vicinity, was one of the most vehement opponents. Decision was reserved.

WATCH SHIP FOR TIFFANY JEWELS.

Detectives at Deutschland's Plank Thought to Have Clew to Diamonds.

Three Pinkerton detectives stood at the gangplank and scrutinized every person who went on board the Deutschland, which sailed yesterday. The detectives did not communicate with the local police, who could not explain the presence of the sleuths, but thought they were in connection with the Tiffany diamond robbery.

Among the passengers yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. Perry Belmont, Lord Terence Brown, Baron Von Heyl Zu Hernsheim, Countess Ethel Lerchenfeld Koefening, William G. McAdoo and family, H. P. Mirikelam, secretary of the Persian Legation at Washington; Charles Steinway and ex-Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck.

STEALS CASH AT GRAVESEND TRACK.

Thief Is Caught Taking Roll of Bills from Lawyer's Pocket at Races.

Charged with stealing $168 from Richard H. Smith, a lawyer, of No. 277 Broadway, Joseph Miller was arrested by Detectives McSherry and Butler, of the Pinkerton staff, at the Gravesend racetrack yesterday afternoon. He was turned over to men from the Brooklyn Central Office and taken to Headquarters.

McSherry and Butler declare they saw Miller take the roll of bills from the lawyer's pocket. When he saw the detectives, they say, he dropped the bills on the ground. They placed Miller under arrest, and then informed Mr. Smith, who had not discovered his loss. Miller gave his address as No. 422 4th-st., Brooklyn, but the detectives say he recently came from Chicago.

UNKNOWN HERO DYING.

Crushed By Maddened Horse After Saving Three Lives.

An unknown man was fatally injured last night in Williamsburg trying to stop a runaway horse. He was unsuccessful, but in stopping the mad rush of the horse for a few seconds undoubtedly saved the lives of a woman and two little girls who were directly in the path of the runaway.

The man was riding on the running board of an uptown Reid-ave. car when the car stopped at Broadway and Hewes-st. A woman and two small children, who had been waiting on the corner, walked out to board the car. At that instant a horse dragging an empty buggy, which was swaying from side to side, came rushing frantically down the street. The woman did not see it until it was almost upon her. Then she stood stock still, too confused to run.

Th unknown man made a leap from the running board, and had seized the bridle of the horse before his feet had touched the ground. The impetus of his leap checked the horse for an instant, and the woman and children jumped back out of the way. The horse made a leap forward and threw the man loose and up against the side of the car.

He lay there, with the blood streaming from a gash in the scalp and cuts in the face, unconscious for more than fifteen minutes surrounded by a crowd of several hundred persons, not one of whom made a move to assist him. Then a patrolman called an ambulance from the Eastern District Hospital, to which he was taken. There it was found he had a fractured skull and internal injuries, and not a chance of recovery.

In his pockets were cards bearing the name Thomas Little. On his right arm were tatooed the Statue of Liberty and the American colors. The man's hands were soft and well kept, and he appeared to be a clerk or salesman. He was about fifty years old, weighed 180 pounds and wore a black suit. The horse was stopped two blocks away.

DR. HENSON DEFENDS ROCKEFELLER.

Will Not Join Baptist Movement Against Accepting Gifts.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Boston, May 25.—The Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson, pastor of Tremont Temple, the most influential Baptist church in New-England, comes to the rescue of John D. Rockefeller against the Baptist anti-Rockefeller crusade started by the Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, of the Warren Avenue Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon also refuses to march under the Johnson banner.

"There is no call for setting up the cry of 'tainted money,'" says Dr. Henson, "against Mr. Rockefeller's gifts. To refuse Mr. Rockefeller's donations Brother Johnson should try some standard by which 'tainted money' may be sifted from that which is not, and perhaps in that case all money might appear tainted. I certainly am not in favor of any movement here against accepting gifts from Mr. Rockefeller, and I doubt that the movement moves—at least I shall not move with it."

PREACHERS IN DOUBLE WEDDING.

Married by Mutual Friend in Fulfilment of Old Agreement.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

La Porte, Ind., May 25.—A romance that began in a seminary of the German Lutheran Church in the Fatherland had its culmination in Huntington to-day, when the Rev. C. H. Franke, of New-York City, married Miss Marie Kase, and the Rev. Daniel Kleist, of Buffalo, married Miss Lorena Gleich, of Dayton. The double ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. Frankes, of Huntington, a friend of both the couples.

The friendship between the four parties to the double contract has been close, and they agreed years ago, after they became engaged, that they would be married at the same time.

OFFER FOR PROOF OF POISONING.

Nephew of Mrs. Leland Stanford Willing to Give $1,000.

Schenectady, N. Y., May 25.—In response to a telephone query from this city to-night, Welton Stanford, who is now at his summer home at Lake George, said that he had offered a reward of $1,000 for proof that his aunt, Mrs. Leland Stanford, of San Francisco, died in Honolulu from the effects of poison and information leading to the conviction of the person who administered it.

He stated that he had received official reports of her illness and death from the attending physicians from Honolulu, and that he was not satisfied that she died a natural death. He further said he believed that she died from the effects of poison, and that no examination of certain capsules administered to Mrs. Stanford in her illness had been made. Mr. Stanford was not named as a beneficiary in her will, although he inherited a large sum after the death of Leland Stanford.

COMMENCEMENT AT TUSKEGEE.

Eighty-three Students Are Graduated and 113 Receive Trade Certificates.

Tuskegee, Ala., May 25.—The twenty-fourth annual commencement exercises of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute came to an end to-day. Eighty-three students were graduated from the academic department. One hundred and thirteen students received trade certificates, indicating that they have done the required work in one of the thirty-seven trades and industries taught here.

A large attendance of white and negro visitors marked the occasion. The commencement address was by the Rev. T. C. Walker, of Augusta. The exercises were closed with remarks by President Booker Washington and the distribution of diplomas and prizes. Eight hundred and eighty-three students have graduated and received the trade certificates from Tuskegee Institute since its foundation.

MAYOR VETOES VETERANS' BILL.

Mayor McClellan vetoed yesterday the bill known as the Veterans' bill, designed to restore to all the veterans in the city's civil employ the salaries they earned before the reorganization of the Civil Service schedules, in 1902. Under the terms of the bill the veterans would have been entitled to back pay at the increased rate since 1902, a total of nearly $1,000,000.

APPOINTS A NEW CHIEF.

The Newark Police Board yesterday appointed Acting Chief of Police John F. Adams to the position of chief. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Common Council.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES FROM THE SOUTH AND WEST.

Uniontown, Penn., May 25.—Ex-Judge J. K. Ewing, of the Fayette County Court, one of the most prominent jurists in Pennsylvania, and the father of two judges, was run down and killed early to-day by a train on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Chicago, May 25.—Judge Parker, of New-York, was a spectator to-day at the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Illinois State Bar Association. Judge Parker is to address the association to-morrow.

Pittsburg, May 25.—George Brockie, seven years old, fatally stabbed his brother Adam, fifteen years old, with a pair of scissors in a fit of anger to-day at their home. The boys were wrestling, and when George realized that Adam was getting the better of him he plunged a pair of scissors into Adam's breast. The physicians say the wound will cause death.

Deadwood, S. D., May 25.—Fire destroyed the Horseshoe Mill here to-day. The mill, said to be the largest wet crushed cyanide mill in the world, cost $300,000. It will be rebuilt at once. The loss is covered by insurance.

Cleveland, May 25.—President Charles W. Chase of the Cleveland Leader Printing Company, to-day announced officially that "The Leader" and its evening edition, "The News and Herald," had been sold to a syndicate headed by Charles A. Otis, jr. The syndicate has purchased, it is understood, two-thirds or more of all the stock of "The Leader" company, including that held by the Cowles estate. The consideration is said to have been close to $500,000. "The Evening News and Herald" will be consolidated with "The Cleveland World," an afternoon paper now controlled by Mr. Otis and his associates.

Stockton, Cal., May 25.—Because Cashier Kahn, of the Oakdale Bank, shot himself yesterday, the directors of the institution, of which Thomas B. Dorsey is the president, have suspended business indefinitely. The State Bank Commissioners have been sent for. The condition of the cashier, which is somewhat improved, is still precarious.

Albuquerque, N. M., May 25.—The Rio Grande, now almost a mile wide, is flowing through the middle of the village of Tome, twenty miles south of Albuquerque, while the six hundred inhabitants of the village are camping on the hills and watching their homes being swept away. The entire property of the villagers is destroyed.

Chicago, May 25.—A party of United States Senators and Congressmen left Chicago to-night for Portland, Ore., to participate in the opening ceremonies of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The party of Congressmen is in charge of Sergeant-at-Arms Henry Casson and includes Speaker Cannon, Tawney, of Minnesota; Sherman, of New-York; Bartlett, of Georgia; Adams, of Wisconsin; Henry, of Texas; Beidler, of Ohio; Sibley, of Pennsylvania; Littauer, of New-York; Small, of North Carolina; Loudenslager, of New-Jersey; Hedge, of Iowa, and Southwick, of New-York. Colonel Dan M. Ransdell, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, is in charge of the Senatorial party, which includes Hansbrough, of North Dakota; Daniel, of Virginia; Dillingham, of Vermont; Clark, of Wyoming; Overman, of North Carolina; Newlands, of Nevada, and McCreary, of Kentucky. From Portland a number of members of the party, headed by Speaker Cannon, will visit Alaska to investigate the needs of the Territory.

HERO COMMISSION PLANS.

Will Have Medals Accepted Before They Are Made.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Pittsburg, May 25.—To those outside of the Pittsburg district Secretary Frank Wilmot of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission to-day mailed letters officially apprising them of the awards yesterday of the commission, and asking if they will accept the tender made. While no refusals are expected, it has been thought best to have things made right before anything is done toward making the medals.

Louis A. Baumann, of Pennsylvania Township, to whom a medal was awarded for twice plunging into a swollen stream and saving a man from drowning, was visited to-day by one of the Hero Fund people. He was found sitting by the roadside with his dinner bucket, chewing at an apple. He had not heard anything about his good fortune. It was explained to him what honor was his. The boy grinned sheepishly and said:

"Medal! Be gosh, wot'll I do with that dunned thing?"

Mrs. Sarah A. Marshall, widow of Gideon Marshall, who will receive $500 to pay off the mortgage on her little home left unpaid when her husband was killed trying to save two other men, heard the news this afternoon and promptly fainted.

DIVORCE FOR MRS. ARMIT.

Daughter of Al Adams Secures One in Newport.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Newport, R. I., May 25.—Mrs. Evelyn B. Armit, daughter of Al Adams, of New-York, known as the "policy king," to-day secured a divorce from Robert Lees Armit, on the ground of continued drunkenness, but she will be obliged to wait six months before it becomes operative under the Rhode Island law. The case was heard on depositions. Mrs. Armit had only three witnesses, while Mr. Armit was represented by counsel, but offered no objection to the granting of the petition.

Mrs. Armit was married in New-York on June 17, 1902, and went to Mexico with her husband, who was a mining engineer. She left him in September of the same year and came to Newport to reside in November. The testimony brought out the fact that Mr. Armit was once arrested for obtaining money under false pretences. Mrs. Armit's witnesses were her brother, Lawrence P. Adams; William H. Buttum, a mining engineer, of Mexico, and Lewis Brown, of Newport.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM H. GEBHARD.

Paris, May 25.—William H. Gebhard, of New-York, died suddenly at the Hotel Meurice to-day while on his way to Venice to meet his family. Mr. Gebhard was a member of the Union Club, New-York, and an uncle of Frederick Gebhard, the well known clubman.

Mr. Gebhard was an uncle of Frederic Gebhard, whose first wife married Henry Clews, jr., and an uncle of Mrs. Frederic Neilson, whose daughter married Reginald C. Vanderbilt.

Mr. Gebhard was in business with his brother as an importer, but retired more than twenty years ago. Since then he had made his home in Paris, although he made frequent trips to this city. When here he lived at the Union Club, of which he had been a member since it was organized.

CORD HACHMANN.

Berlin, May 25.—Cord Hachmann, who was manager of the Thalia Theatre, New-York, in 1891, and who managed at various times the Deutsche Theatre, Berlin; the Deutsche Theatre, Hamburg, and other places of amusement, died at Hamburg on Tuesday. He was fifty-seven years old.

CHARLES E. DINGEE.

The funeral of Charles E. Dingee, who died at his home, No. 175 Clinton-ave., Brooklyn, on Monday, was held yesterday. The body was buried in Greenwood. Mr. Dingee was born in Prattsburg, Steuben County, N. Y., in 1850. He was senior member of the firm of P. M. Dingee & Sons, dealers in foreign and fancy woods, Manhattan. Mr. Dingee lived the greater part of his life in Brooklyn. He was best known in connection with church and religious work. He was chairman of the board of trustees of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, and took an active part in the Church Extension Society, also the Young Men's Christian Association. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

GEORGE G. RYAN.

George G. Ryan, principal of Public School No. 118, 4th-ave. and 59th-st., Brooklyn, died at his home, No. 189 Sterling Place, in that borough, yesterday. He was born in Franklin County, N. Y., fifty-five years ago. Mr. Ryan was graduated from Middlebury College, and taught at the Hudson River Institute, at Claverack, and in the public schools of Hudson, N. Y. He was Superintendent of Schools at Leavenworth, Kan., for six years, and went from there to New-Brunswick, N. J. Seven or eight years ago he moved to Brooklyn. Mr. Ryan was secretary of the Brooklyn Principals' Association, and was a member of the Schoolmasters' Club. He leaves a widow. The funeral will be held at the house at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The arrangements are in the hands of the Principals' Association. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. James M. Farrar, of the First Reformed Church, assisted by the Rev. Dr. W. W. Knox, of New-Brunswick. The burial will be in Greenwood.

ALEXANDER A. CABRE.

Alexander A. Cabre, who had been a clerk in the Special Term of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, since 1896, died at his home, No. 57 Grant-ave., that borough, on Wednesday. He was born in 1860. In 1884 he received an appointment in the Sheriff's office, and later obtained his court clerkship. Mr. Cabre was one of the organizers of the Aid Association of the Court of Records of New-York. He was also a member of the Home Club and of Manual Lodge, F. and A. M. He leaves a widow and two sons.

EDWARD WHELAN.

Edward Whelan, who for years was a well known figure in the Brooklyn building world, died at his home, No. 123 Fort Greene Place, that borough, on Wednesday. Grief over the death of James Whelan, his brother, which occurred two months ago, is supposed to have hastened his death. Both men were bachelors and were more closely associated than most brothers throughout life. Mr. Whelan was born in Waterford, Ireland, seventy-seven years ago, and came to America in 1851. He and his brother, starting in as carpenters, became successful builders. They retired fifteen years ago. Mr. Whelan was one of the jurors at the famous trial of Henry Ward Beecher. He was much interested in private study and had written much on astronomical subjects. His observatory at his home in Fort Greene Place was one of the best equipped private observatories in the city. He also did considerable painting. The funeral will be held at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mercy, in Debevoise-st., at 9:30 a. m. to-day.

JUSTICE JOHN DEAN.

Hollidaysburg, Penn., May 25.—John Dean, justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, died at his home here this evening from paralysis. He was born in Blair County, Penn., in 1835, and received his education in the Williamsburg Academy and Washington College, of Washington, Penn. He was admitted to the bar in 1855. In 1871 he was elected judge of the 24th Judicial District, and was re-elected in 1881 and 1891. In 1892 he was elected a justice of the State Supreme Court for a term of twenty-one years.

ROYAL M. BASSETT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Derby, Conn., May 25.—Royal M. Bassett, a prominent iron manufacturer for half a century, died from paralysis at his home here to-night. He was born in Derby on November 22, 1828. For many years he was president of the Utah Northern Railroad Company and a director of the Naugatuck Railroad Company. He was a State Senator in 1876. He leaves a son, Sheldon H. Bassett, of St. Louis, and a brother, Theodore S. Bassett, of New-York.

FOREIGN DELEGATES AT SARATOGA.

Saratoga, May 25.—The foreign delegates to the International Railway Congress, who have been making a tour of the United States and Canada, reached here to-day from Montreal. The party is travelling in a special train of three sections. The visitors spent the afternoon sightseeing, evincing much interest in the various mineral springs. To-morrow morning the delegates go to Schenectady, where they are to be the guests of the General Electric Company and the American Locomotive Company. The tour will be ended at New-York Saturday.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED BY CHILD.

Binghamton, N. Y., May 25.—Little Helen Louise Palmer, who was accidentally shot by a playmate last Saturday afternoon, died to-day. This is the third death that has occurred in this city within the last month that has been due to pistol shots fired by children.

A VALUABLE SLEEPER.

Half Interest in a Dormant Franchise Mortgaged for $350,000,000.

The identity of the persons connected with the Anti-Monopoly Light and Power Company was made public yesterday when the incorporation papers were filed. The company was incorporated Wednesday at Albany; and immediately after a mortgage was executed covering all right and title in a half interest in its franchise for $350,000,000. The company is capitalized at $100,000, and its franchase has lain dormant for eighteen years.

George B. Hayes, the president, and John L. Walsh, the secretary, executed the mortgage to William N. Baron, of Jersey City, as trustee, for an issue of $350,000,000 5 per cent gold bonds, payable July 1, 1947, on which no interest is to be paid for the first five years.

Besides the half interest in the franchise, which was granted by the Board of Aldermen in May, 1887, to the American Electric Manufacturing Company, the mortgage also covers all right and title in a half interest in a patent arc light and all interest in a contract made May 23, 1906, between the Anti-Monopoly Light and Power Company and John J. Moore to erect buildings in this State, but it is the franchise which makes these of any value.

George B. Hayes, president of the new company, owns 398 shares of the capital stock, the two directors, Albert G. Stephenson, of No. 60 West 78th-st., and John L. Walsh, of No. 306 East 37th-st., who is also the treasurer, holding a single share each.

The new company is the successor of the American Electric Manufacturing Company, which the Edison company, has been trying to absorb for the last five years, because of this valuable franchise which it held from the Board of Aldermen, approved by Mayor Hewitt. The mortgage just secured is said to be preliminary to developing the franchise. It is said also that the arc light patent has been renewed, and that the company will begin operations at once. The articles of incorporation state that the company is formed "to manufacture, use, produce, buy and vend electricity for light, heat or power, lighting the streets, parks and public or private buildings in the cities of New-York, Yonkers, Poughkeepsie, Albany, Troy, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Plattsburg, Binghamton, Auburn and Elmira." It also proposes to "make and vend gas, steam, hot air and all other gaseous fluids."

THORP'S ELIGIBILITY.

F. S. Bangs Declares There Is No Ground for Charges.

F. S. Bangs, chairman of the general athletic committee of Columbia University, yesterday denied absolutely the charges made in the current issue of "McClure's Magazine" that T. J. Thorp was ineligible to play on the Columbia football team.

The reason given for the alleged ineligibility was the statement that Thorp played under an assumed name for Manhattan College in the year 1901 and that he had already completed his four years' football, having played one year at Manhattan and three at Columbia. Playing under an assumed name, according to the rules of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association, makes him a professional.

Mr. Bangs said that the statement that Thorp played under an assumed name is untrue. Mr. Thorp himself denies that he did so, and says there is absolutely no foundation for the report. Even if he had played under