

TO FIGHT ART DUTY.

Vigorous Campaign Planned for Repeal of Tariff.

A vigorous campaign for the repeal of the tariff on art at the reassembling of Congress will soon be begun by representative artists of this city and well known art bodies of other States.

Mr. Ely told a Tribune reporter yesterday that active work would begin in October, in co-operation with art societies and all other societies and individuals in the United States who are of the opinion that a tax on the importation of works of art is a tax on culture and civilization itself.

About three years ago a bill was introduced by Congressman Lovings, of Massachusetts, which was approved by most of the art societies in this country, and provided that works of art created fifty years before the date of importation should be free from duty.

It is urged by the art societies that the absurdity of the tariff from the point of view of protection is that the artist does not want the protection, and that a man may be a most consistent protectionist and not want a tax.

The majority of artists consider it a gross injustice to them that there should be any tax on art at all, and particularly that a penalty should

be imposed on bringing masterpieces to this country. Artists point out that the tendency of all works of art thought to this country is to gravitate to the public museums, and that many men and women are holding up their hands because they will not pay the tax on them. J. Pierpont Morgan has several art collections abroad of extraordinary interest and value.

TO AID DESTITUTE ARTISTS.

Appeal for Funds to Place Aged Painters in Suitable Homes.

Several plans are under discussion by members of the Artists' Fund Society and the Artists' Aid Society to raise \$50,000 to place superannuated painters, sculptors and other artists and their wives in homes. As already told in The Tribune, about a dozen artists of this city are destitute, and as they are no longer able to practise their profession it is thought best, as soon as possible, to place them and their wives in suitable homes already established, instead of starting a new charitable institution.

One of the plans suggested for raising a fund this autumn is to hold a large loan exhibition of pictures, to which also paintings will be contributed

by artists for sale. There has been some objection to this plan, based upon the experience of members of the old Artists' Mutual Aid Society, founded in 1868, who organized the Artists' Aid Society fifteen years ago. Those days of the Mutual Aid Society were contributed by each member to the fund at auction for the benefit of the family of a dead member. That plan was found to be undesirable, as the comparatively value of pictures is greatly, and accordingly an assessment of \$10 was made on the death of a member.

A vigorous effort to raise \$50,000 will be made next month by the committee of trustees, of which De Forest is president, Meville, secretary, and W. W. checks may be sent to the treasurer, Bleeker N. Mitchell, No. 142 East 38th-st.

BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY SITE.

Mayor McClellan has asked Carrere & Hastings, the architects, to arbitrate the dispute between the warring factions in the matter of the site for the proposed new public library in Brooklyn. Controller Grout wants the library built on the plaza near the reservoir, at Prospect Park, and many of the residents of that section are with him. Proponents of the site near the city center believe the site to be selected should be further toward the business center of the borough.

MASONIC RELIEF OFFICERS.

Syracuse, Sept. 28.—The sixth biennial convention of the Masonic Relief Association for the United States and Canada ended today, to meet in Louisville, Ky., in 1907. The following officers were elected: President, Charles F. Strum, of Buffalo; first vice-president, John H. Cowles, of Louisville;

STILL IN HIS FAVOR.

Bourke and Eggers Retain Confidence of Commissioner McAdoo.

Raids by order of Police Commissioner McAdoo on two alleged poolrooms in the precinct of Acting Captain Bourke, the commander at the Merce Hotel, were made on Wednesday evening without the knowledge of Bourke and without consulting Acting Captain Eggers, the commander of Mr. McAdoo's "vice" squad, with the result that there were rumors in Mulberry-st. yesterday that both Bourke and Eggers had lost Mr. McAdoo's confidence and were likely to be reduced in rank. In the afternoon the Commissioner handed out the following statement, which did not dispose of the rumors:

When I returned from vacation I expressed at once my thorough confidence in Captain Eggers, and saw to it personally that every complaint went directly to him, and assured him that I would enforce the law; that he could go ahead with all the zeal, courage and tenacity which he had shown in the past, and that I would have his full approval and hearty support. He knew of the two places raided yesterday and reported them to me some days ago.

It has not been his custom to consult me where cases required prompt action, and I did not want to trammel his own judgment, as he knew the facts at first hand. He had made no complaint to me, of being interfered with in any way, nor has he made any request of me which has not been promptly granted.

quest of me which has not been promptly granted. He is still attached to this office, and will remain so as long as he does his duty. If there are difficulties they must be overcome by hard work. The work must go on steadily. My policy has remained since I came here, and is the same in October as it was in June. Inspector Schmittberger, for special work and for the work which I have taken charge of personally, required some extra men, and I gave him a few of those attached to Eggers's squad. I did this because I believed in them and because it relieved Captain Eggers and myself of the work which had hitherto been done for him directly. It makes but little difference to me who does the work. The main thing for me is to see that the work is done, and that I am going to do. If any man falters in doing his full share somebody else must be found to take his place.

Mr. McAdoo said he had written to both the Western Union and the New York Telephone Companies, asking their co-operation in closing poolrooms. He asked the New York Telephone Company to advise him of any suspicious cases the company might have before they have any contracts for putting in telephones.

PRISONER TELLS OF POOLROOMS.

Hearing of Larceny Charges Discloses Locality of Two Betting Places.

Information for Police Commissioner McAdoo about poolrooms that have been un molested by the police, not far from Police Headquarters, was given in the hearing of a charge against Jack Diamond, a tall, of No. 20 Essex-st. in the Yorkville court room, yesterday afternoon, in a pool room. He said the bracelet belonged to his wife. Diamond said he had taken the trinket to the pawnshop at Livingston's request, to raise money to bet on a horse.

"Is it possible that there are poolrooms open in New York?" exclaimed Magistrate Wable. He called the detective who had arrested Diamond to hear the prisoner's further examination, and Diamond said he had been going to poolrooms with Livingston regularly for years.

"Where are these poolrooms?" asked Magistrate Wable. "One is on the north side of Grand Jones-st., between the Bowery and Lafayette Place," said Diamond, "and the other is on the corner of Bond-st. and the Bowery, over a saloon."

Diamond then explained that Livingston induced him to put up \$10 for a bet in one of the poolrooms, and the horse failed to win. Livingston then took his wife's bracelet from his pocket and asked to have it pawned, to raise \$10 for a bet in the next race.

"Then you are equally guilty," said the magistrate to Livingston. "You are a quality as the man you had arrested. You conspired with him in this matter, and you have no standing in court. The defendant is discharged, and the charges are dropped. Magistrate Wable then directed the stenographer to send a copy of the minutes of the case to Police Commissioner McAdoo.

CUTTING CHAUFFEUR RELEASED.

W. Bayard Cutting, brother of R. Fulton Cutting, was taken to the court yesterday and charged with the discharge of the chauffeur, William Cutting, of No. 26 West 51st-st., who was accused of violating the traffic ordinances.

Mr. Cutting explained to Magistrate Mayo that he was in the automobile at the time, and it was not going faster than three miles an hour. Mr. Cutting said the policeman who made the arrest did not raise his hand, and the chauffeur was allowed upon him. Magistrate Mayo discharged the chauffeur with a reprimand.

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DRY GOODS. R. H. Macy & Co.'s Attractions Are Their Low Prices. ALL THIS WEEK, Special Displays of the Newest Imported and Domestic Gowns, Wraps, Millinery, Robes, Waists, Gloves, Belts, Silks, Dress Goods and Dress Novelties of every description.

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