

YERKES PALACE OF ART DESCRIBED BY EXPERT.

Fine Examples of Old and New Schools of Painting.

Probably no artist in this city is more familiar with the art treasures in the Fifth-ave. houses of the late Charles T. Yerkes, which will be transferred to the control of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, than Will H. Low, a member of the council of the National Academy of Design. Mr. Low made the acquaintance of Mr. Yerkes years ago, when he received a commission to paint the mural decorations which adorn the Louis XV room in Mr. Yerkes's house, and he was a frequent visitor there.

Regarding the contents and value of Mr. Yerkes's art collection, Mr. Low said last evening:

I think the collection is extremely representative in the modern French painting. It has good examples of nearly all the well known masters of the old schools, and a very beautiful Rembrandt, a good copy of Rubens and two or three others by him. He added greatly to his old pictures in recent years.

The house itself, to which he afterwards added the house next door, is a very fine gallery, in a style of its own. On one occasion, about ten years ago, I remarked that the house was not a residence, but a museum. He laughed and said: "When Mr. Yerkes died, and he was through with it, it probably became one."

Mr. Yerkes had good examples of Watteau and the French school of the eighteenth century. He had an Imrich which is very interesting, and he had a picture by Ruyssdael, pictures by Jan Porten, a landscape by Ruyssdael, and a good Van Velde.

Among modern pictures in the collection are several good Corots, an unusually handsome Cazin, Gerome's picture of "Pygmalion and Galatea," and a portrait of Gerome of himself and Tadema, there is an important picture by Alma-Tadema, there are examples of Meissonier and Detaille.

Mr. Yerkes also a beautiful collection of rug and tapestries. His house is filled with bric-a-brac, and in itself would be a fine exhibit of a palatial home. Mr. Yerkes sent W. H. Van Ingen, a well known decorative artist, to Japan with the expert measurement of the room to be decorated with Japanese fashion. Mr. Van Ingen returned with the result was a room of the best of its kind, with a dozen artist articles brought here, with half a dozen articles of a very remarkable quality of an excellent type of modern Japanese art.

VALUED AT MILLIONS. Mr. Low said that the value of the Yerkes collection would undoubtedly reach into the millions. He understood, moreover, that Mr. Yerkes had a good many valuable pictures in England which he would not bring over here on account of the tariff on art. The Metropolitan Museum, however, could not bring them over free, as they would be for public exhibition. Mr. Low considered this a wonderful object lesson, emphasizing the necessity of removing the tax on art, which was "a criminal thing on the part of our government."

Mr. Low went on to say: The Wallace collection in England is the only similar bequest that I know of, and the fact that Mr. Yerkes has left a certain amount of money to support his collection and add to it, is extremely interesting. Otherwise, the gift, magnificent as it is, might be a source of expense to the Metropolitan Museum. The importance of the Yerkes collection of art in the Museum, in modern pictures, and, of course, the Vanderbilt collection is without examples of the older masters.

The one thing that struck me the most in the whole Yerkes collection was its personal character, the way in which it reflected Mr. Yerkes's own personal taste. It is exceedingly impressive to see that Mr. Yerkes had a certain amount of money to take such great and sincere pleasure in his collection.

I remember on one occasion, when he was under a tremendous stress, and his enormous collection of art enabled him at times to work eighteen hours a day—he said to me that once a week, on Sunday afternoon, he had taken himself away from his engrossing business and went to his gallery, and he said: "I can't see how I could have lived through that time without my pictures."

When Mr. Yerkes brought many of his pictures here from Chicago he brought them in boxes, which were packed and laid on the floors. The cars were attached to the express and on the arrival of the train were met by wagons. Mr. Yerkes accompanied the pictures to his home.

WAS ONLY YERKES WILL. Rumors of Later Documents Officially Set at Rest. It was authoritatively stated yesterday that the will of Charles T. Yerkes read to the family Tuesday by Clarence Knight, his personal counsel, was the last and only will of the traction man. This disposes of the stories persistently circulated that the testator had made a will later than the one dated in London, January 12, 1906.

The explanation of the presence of Adrian Joline at Walden Astor's, during Mr. Yerkes's illness, which, it has been said, was for the purpose of drawing up a new will, is this: Mr. Joline is counsel for the Central Trust Company, which is named as trustee in the Yerkes will. When Mr. Yerkes realized that he had only a short time to live he sent for the lawyer and placed the will in his hands.

A friend of Mr. Yerkes yesterday said that the latter had made four wills, all of which were nearly alike. The first of these was executed twenty years ago. It was in 1900 that the idea for the establishment of a hospital in the Bronx and the turning over of his valuable works of art to the Metropolitan Museum of Art first suggested itself to Mr. Yerkes, and he discussed the plan with Mr. Knight in Chicago.

Not until 1905, however, three years later, was the change made to include these provisions in the will. Then Franklin Bies, an attorney, with offices at No. 15 Beakman-st., this city, drew up a new will. In the following year another change was made, and the will was given to Mr. Knight, who changed some of the bequests to persons mentioned in it.

Mr. Yerkes went abroad, in 1904, he took the will with him. He either changed one of the bequests, or it was already being witnessed. This necessitated the drawing of a new testament, which was done by Mr. Yerkes in London. It was witnessed there, and in May last again in this city. The date of the will was given as the date it was not necessary to send to Europe for the witnesses.

Will of Mr. Yerkes will be filed for probate in Chicago, which place he claimed as his home. Under the laws of Illinois the executor of the will is the boy in which the father turned over the bequests to the beneficiaries.

Mrs. Yerkes, it was said yesterday, would continue to occupy the house at No. 84 5th-ave. Physicians generally were much interested yesterday in the proposed removal of Mrs. Yerkes to the city, with its rapidly growing population, they said, made a new hospital necessary.

MRS. YERKES RELENTLESS Scene at Deathbed Described by Mrs. Haywood.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Chicago. Mrs. Charles T. Yerkes, who attended the deathbed of the street railway man, returned to Chicago this evening, and Mrs. Yerkes refused to become reconciled to her husband. She said that Mr. Yerkes, although too feeble to speak, opened his eyes as his wife entered the room, and extended his arms toward her. His eyes seemed to follow her as she moved. Mrs. Yerkes called toward him, but Mrs. Haywood called her back, saying: "Don't make up with him. It is too late now."

just before he died. He had never known how to value her. Mrs. Haywood did not expect to be remembered in her brother-in-law's will.

EDGAR SPEYER SUCCEEDS MR. YERKES.

London, Jan. 3.—At a meeting of the board of the Underground Electric Railways Company today Edgar Speyer was elected chairman of the company in succession to the late Charles T. Yerkes. Sir George Gibbs, general manager of the Northeastern Railway, was elected deputy chairman and managing director of the underground company and also chairman and managing director of the Metropolitan District Railway Company. R. A. F. Peckham was elected solicitor of the company. The board passed a resolution recording its deep regret at the death of Mr. Yerkes.

Edgar Speyer is head of the London house of the company in succession to the late Charles T. Yerkes. In his fight for the control of the London underground.

Sir George Stegmann Gibbs is a practical railroad man of long experience. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1850. He became assistant manager of the Great Western Railway Company's solicitor's office in 1877, solicitor to the North Eastern Railway Company in 1882, and general manager of the North Eastern in 1881. He was arbitrator for Lord James of Hereford, in 1897, was appointed a member of the committee on War Office reorganization in 1891, and a member of the Royal Commission on London Traffic in 1902. He visited this country to take evidence in connection with the London traffic appointment. In 1904 he was made a knight.

Sir George Gibbs is the only British railway manager to have been knighted. In five years he has effected an increase of 32 per cent in the freight trainload on the North Eastern Railway. He was one of the first to introduce "auto" cars for the working of the Newcastle suburban railway, and has electrified the Newcastle suburban railway.

TO HEAR OIL OFFICIALS.

Henry H. Rogers and Others to Testify To-morrow.

The taking of testimony in the suits brought by the State of Missouri against the Standard Oil Company and several of its allied companies will begin to-morrow at 10 a. m. in the offices of Henry Wolman, at No. 74 Broadway. Henry H. Rogers, John D. Archbold, William G. Rockefeller, Wade Hampton, Frank Barstow, C. T. Bedford, Howard Page and James A. Moffett are expected to testify to-morrow.

Some time ago Justice Fitzgerald issued thirty-four subpoenas on a petition from Missouri for directors and officials of the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiary concerns. The process servers have experienced great difficulty in serving these men and only eight out of the thirty-four have been served. Henry H. Rogers was served by showing the subpoena through the window of his automobile. Later Mr. Rogers agreed to testify.

John D. Rockefeller, Henry M. Flagler, Charles M. Pratt and H. Clay Pierce are among those who have evaded the process servers to date. The taking of the testimony in the suits is expected to take a long time, however, and it is probable that all the witnesses wanted will either submit to service or be caught.

Herbert S. Hadley, Attorney General of Missouri, is conducting the case. He will be here in person to-morrow and will have the assistance of Frederick H. Sanborn, whom Governor Folk of Missouri appointed a special commissioner to hear the testimony. The State has retained the services of Henry Wolman as local counsel.

The hearing is sure to be prolonged, as the meeting of each of the witnesses to suit the convenience of the counsel and the witnesses. In case a witness refuses to testify it will be necessary to apply to the Missouri court to take the witness into custody, which, in turn, will have to be transmitted through the local courts.

There are suits at present pending in the Missouri courts against the Standard Oil Company and its subsidiary concerns. One, in the Supreme Court, is against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the branch which does business west of the Ohio River. The Vanderbilts, Oil Company and the Republic Oil Company are from doing business in Missouri. The other suit, in the Missouri court, is against the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, which is alleged to have made an alleged pooling agreement by which, it is alleged, the business of competitors is restricted.

ELLIS ISLAND SIEVE LETS IN 718,000.

New-York Port Received 992,065 Persons in 1905—80 Per Cent Steerage.

According to the record of the Immigration Bureau at Ellis Island, 992,065 persons have entered the port of New York in the last year. Nearly two thirds of this big list came in the steerage, 718,000 being aliens.

The total number of first cabin passengers brought here on over thirty steamship lines is 104,955. The list of the second cabin shows a total of 167,083. In eighty-nine trips from Bremen the North German Lloyd Line brought over 13,088 first and 25,506 second cabin and 88,474 steerage passengers.

The total list of the North German Lloyd Line from Mediterranean ports was 54,435. The American Line from Germany and Mediterranean ports in 113 sailings was 143,996. The American Line from Southampton was 39,462, the Cunard Line from Liverpool, 64,911 and the Holland American Line from Rotterdam was 53,667.

MORAN TO MOVE ON BUCKET SHOPS.

Leighton Failure May Lead to Many Others, the Belief is Gained.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Boston, Jan. 3.—District Attorney Moran is to move on the bucket shops of the city. He will take action in the Haight & Freese case, bringing it before the grand jury, and is looking up evidence in the recent Leighton failure.

The sudden collapse of the Leighton firm has supplied new members of the legislature with ammunition in their crusade against bucket shops, and the seventy or eighty operators who have hitherto chafed at Boston legislation may have hitherto chafed at Boston legislation.

Some of the largest concerns are on the verge of collapse, and the Leighton failure is thought to be only the forerunner of others. The failure will be felt in the smallest villages of the State.

MAKE CASTINGS FOR P. R. R. TUNNEL.

One \$750,000 Contract Nearly Filled—Remainder Under Construction in Wheeling.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Buffalo, Jan. 3.—The New York Car Wheel Company, whose plant is in Forest-ave., Buffalo, will complete soon a \$750,000 contract for castings for the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel under the North Pennsylvania Railroad at New-York City. A similar contract for building the other half of the tube of the tunnel is being executed in Wheeling, W. Va., at the same price.

W. R. HEARST'S CINCINNATI PLANS.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Cincinnati, Jan. 3.—Absolute confirmation of the report that William R. Hearst would soon start a newspaper in Cincinnati was given today, when his agents leased a building in Covington, Ky., just across the river, for a composing room and office. The paper is to be printed on the press of the Condon Lithographing Company till a plant can be bought.

A SPANISH WAR PRIZE BOAT HERE.

Under command of Commander William Braun-Duncker, U. S. N., the United States gunboat Don Juan de Austria, formerly the Spanish gunboat of that name, arrived at the navy yard yesterday. It is the first visit of that vessel to this port. The gunboat was sunk by Admiral Dewey's fleet in the battle of Manila, May 1, 1898. She floated in the harbor for months until United States forces laid on the Conductor Richmond Pearson Hobson saved her. She was repaired at Hong Kong and was put in commission as a vessel of the United States navy in 1904.

SAYS FATHER FORCED HIM TO STEAL.

When he was arraigned on a charge of stealing newspapers from a stand at No. 69 Halsey-st., Newark, Frank Fuller, eight years old, of Newark, declared that his father, a newsdealer, yesterday told him to steal. Frank G. Fuller, who had been caught in the act of taking some papers, caught the boy in the act of taking some papers, and he sent a summons. After Judge Ruhnberg explained that the boy's statement this morning.

TO IMPORT ITALIANS.

Cotton Planter Pleased with Sumner's Experiment.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Memphis, Jan. 3.—Colonel Maxwell, the largest individual cotton planter in Louisiana, has just finished his first season with twenty families he imported from Italy last summer. So well pleased is the planter that he will give every cabin on his farms as rapidly as he can bring the people over.

He believes that the cotton labor problem is solved now that immigrants can come by way of New-Orleans. Heretofore it has not been easy to divert them from the North. Other Louisiana and Mississippi cotton planters will join in the movement.

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MAY ASK ORDER TO OPEN BOXES.

Aldermen to Seek Court Aid to Decide McGowan's Standing.

Alderman James Cowdin Meyers, the Republican leader of the board, said yesterday that, as he understood it, the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the board would ask the court for an order to open the ballot boxes in order to determine whether President McGowan of the board is legally qualified to hold his seat. This application, he said, would bring about an adjudication of the question of the right of the aldermen to judge of their president's standing.

In addition to the action against Mr. McGowan, the aldermen and Elections will have to dispose of the contested cases in five districts. The seats of Patrick A. Burke, of the 13th; Hubert Slattery, of the 30th; Joseph Weil, of the 33rd; Michael Redmond, of the 42d, and Samuel Jones, of the 23d, are contested. It is expected that the committee will report in favor of the contestants, thus making it incumbent upon the ousted Tammany men to apply for an opening of the ballot boxes in order to have the sitting aldermen re-elected, and they have received their certificates of election. If they are thrown out of office, they will have to take to the boxes reopened in order to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that they were elected.

OSAGE LANDS SOLD AT AUCTION.

Indians Will Now Hold Property in Severalty—Whole Town Under Hammer.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Pawhuska, Okla., Jan. 3.—White men had the first opportunity to-day to buy and speculate in Osage Indian and when the town site of Pawhuska was offered for sale at public auction, Pawhuska is a prosperous town of 1,500 inhabitants, but the citizens have occupied their homes as "squatters." They are now being sold at public auction, and receive their per capita share of tribal monies.

MAY BE O'BRIEN'S DEPUTY.

Choice of Francis Loughman Rumored—First Appointments Made.

Francis Loughman, who ran for Congress in 1904 against J. Van Vechten O'Ratt, is likely to be appointed Deputy Fire Commissioner. A number of his friends called on Commissioner O'Brien yesterday and told the Commissioner all about him. Mr. Loughman is said to be well qualified for the office. Commissioner O'Brien made his first official appointments yesterday, when he named eight new firemen. These men had served their thirty day probation in the school of instruction and were up to the mark. Two new directors, Charles J. Dale and Arthur Kelly, both of New-York, were elected.

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MISS HOLLOWAY DISCHARGED.

Court Decides She Did Right in Attacking Father to Save Mother.

Miss Mattie Holloway, of No. 611 East 149th-st., was arraigned before Magistrate Walsh in the Morrisania court, yesterday, charged with felonious assault. Last week the young woman's aged father attempted to kill his wife and shoot himself, and in the struggle to prevent it the young woman struck her father with a baton, for which she was arrested. The aged man's efforts to kill his wife were futile, and he succeeded only in fracturing his hands on himself. He is in the Lebanon Hospital.

In court yesterday the Rev. Dr. Francis E. Marsden, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, of which Miss Holloway was a member, appeared in her behalf. The policeman in the case also spoke in her behalf, and explained that she struck her father in order to save her mother, and that her father was clearly mentally deranged. The young woman was thereupon discharged. The father will be arraigned in court, probably on Friday, and committed for examination to Bellevue Hospital.

SALE OF ORIENTAL ART.

At 3:30 this afternoon there will be put on sale at the American Art Galleries, Madison Square, a collection of Japanese and Chinese art objects recently imported. The collection includes old Chinese embroideries and hangings, artistic Japanese needlework and textiles, beautiful kimonos, screens, carved furniture, chandeliers and brackets and wood and ivory. The sale will continue the remainder of the week.

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Patrolman Breaks Both Legs Stopping His Latest Runaway.

In making one of the dashing stops of runaway horses which have made him famous, Bicycle Patrolman "Ajax" Whitman was seriously and perhaps fatally injured yesterday. Instead of celebrating his latest triumph he was taken to the Harlem Hospital, for both of his legs were broken, and he also received severe internal injuries.

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FRUIT GROWERS TO RAISE PRICES.

Association Meets at Lockport and Plans Campaign for Year.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Lockport, N. Y., Jan. 3.—The New-York State Fruit Growers' Association met at the Hodge Opera House this morning for a two days' session. About two thousand growers are in attendance. Mayor George T. Jones, of Lockport, presided. The president of the State Experiment Station, at Geneva, making the response, President T. B. Wilson, of Hall's Corners, recommended a plan for securing a more uniform quality of fruit. The president elicited applause when he said the association's influence was responsible for the growers getting from 15 to 20 per cent increase for their crops last season.

The marketing committee recommended employing an exclusive commission agent in New-York and other large cities to handle fruit consigned by members, which was adopted. The association believes this will increase the price of fruit July 20 per cent.

U. S. RUBBER CO. ELECTS DIRECTORS.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) New-Brundage, N. J., Jan. 3.—A special stockholders' meeting of the United States Rubber Company was held to-day at the company's office here, at which representatives of the Rubber Goods Manufacturing Company, which was taken over several months ago, were elected to the board. Several changes were made in bylaws, one of them increasing the number of directors from fourteen to twenty. Two new directors, Charles J. Dale and Arthur Kelly, both of New-York, were elected.

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BUSINESS TROUBLES.

The Sheriff yesterday received an execution for \$1,300 against the New-York Company, publisher of No. 22 Thames-st., in favor of the Financier Company.

Stanislaus N. Tuckman has been appointed receiver for the partnership property of A. Feinstein & Co., manufacturers of comb ornaments at No. 311 Church-st., by Justice Gildersleeve, of the Supreme Court, in a suit for \$25,796.40.

John Palmer, a stage hand at the Casino Theatre, did not appear to perform his duties at the Tuesday evening rendering of "The Earl and the Girl." Yesterday the stage manager asked for an explanation of his absence. "I had to attend a meeting of the Board of Aldermen at my home," said Palmer.

"Yes," continued the stage hand, apologetically, "you see, I'm the Mayor."

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY.

The following petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday with the Clerk of the United States District Court:

Alfonso M. Smith, No. 27 West 123th-st.; liabilities, \$2,471; assets, \$2,290. The principal creditor is Spitzer & Anderson, 654. The assets consist of a stock of goods, valued at \$2,290. The liabilities are \$2,471. A receiver appointed in an involuntary bankruptcy proceeding, valued at \$2,000, machinery, tools, accounts, \$1,191. The sale will continue the remainder of the week.

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FINANCIERS SURRENDER.

Maryland Trust Company Officials Held in \$10,000 Bail.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Baltimore, Jan. 3.—President J. Wilcox Brown and J. Bernard Scott, ex-secretary and treasurer of the Maryland Trust Company, returned to Baltimore to-day immediately on learning that a presentment had been found against them by the grand jury. They went at once to the office of the clerk of the Criminal Court, and gave \$10,000 bail each. Vice-President Bowdoin, against whom a presentment also was brought, gave similar bail yesterday. They were held to await the grand jury's verdict on false statements of the condition of the company. As the term of the grand jury will expire to-morrow the indictments must be returned then, or the charges will fall to the ground. It is intimated that other officials of the company may be involved.

RAILROAD MERGER VETOED.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 3.—Governor Vardaman to-day returned with his veto a House bill which the last session of the Legislature passed to legalize in Mississippi the merger of two railroads, the Mobile and Ohio and the Southern. It is understood no effort will be made to have the bill passed over the Governor's veto.

STRIKE IN MORTON-ST. TUNNEL.

The iron workers employed in the tunnel from 15th-st. Jersey City, to Morton-st., are on a strike. They have been receiving \$450 a day, but demand \$5. The company refused their demand, and the men went out. Sixty men were employed. They were struck by the New-York and Brooklyn Workers' Union. The strikers were at work in the south bore. The north bore has been finished.

G. A. R. TO PRESERVE WAR RELICS.

Post Receives Use of Carnegie Library Room for Its Effects.

(By Telegraph to the Tribune.) Pittsburg, Jan. 3.—A contract was made to-day between the trustees of the Carnegie Library and the members of Thomas Espey Post No. 123, Grand Army of the Republic, whereby the post receives free use of a room in the Carnegie Library building as long as