

BROOKLYN NEWS

GOSSIP OF THE BOROUGH

Professor Giddings Urges Revival of Hamilton's Federal Bank.

The recent remarks of Senator Hansbrough, of North Dakota, regarding the necessity for the establishment of a federal bank, are much in line with those made a few evenings ago by Professor Giddings, the political economist of Columbia University, when speaking before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences upon Andrew Jackson. The greatest mistake of Jackson's administration, he declared, was the abolition of the Federal Bank. The bank was established by Alexander Hamilton, and continued in existence until Jackson's time. Jackson's action, said the lecturer, set back the development of our banking system fifty years. The leading European nations have found government banks of the greatest use, and he believed, the United States was rapidly approaching the time when it would revive Hamilton's institution.

The fault with the present system of national banks is that the government's money is placed in the hands of a few persons who have exclusive right to the benefit of it. In a federal bank of the near future, the lecturer said, entirely opposite methods would obtain. Branches of the bank would have to be established in all parts of the country, and the authorities would be forced to grant loans—not to special corporate bodies, but to every person who applied, offering proper securities. By such a bank, said Professor Giddings, every one could reap the benefit of the government's ready cash and government relief would be far more satisfactorily and democratically distributed. The present banking troubles, he explained, would probably result in the inevitable changes in our system—including the revival of the federal bank—which are held to be so urgently needed.

Holy Trinity, it is said, is to be the first of the Protestant Episcopal churches of this borough to take advantage of the permission recently given by the general convention for ministers of other denominations to preach in Episcopal pulpits. The Rev. Dr. J. Howard Melish, the rector, has already made preparations for a series of noonday talks to business men. These will come in the form of lectures, and will speak at the meetings are the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of the Central Congregational Church; the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Plymouth Church; the Rev. Dr. L. M. Reason, of the First Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Dr. T. Calvin McClelland, the Presbyterian Moderator and the pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Dr. J. H. Potter and Bishop Greer, of Manhattan, and Bishop Burgess, of Long Island, will be scheduled as speakers. Dr. Melish is one of the most widely known of the ministers in Brooklyn. He is a labor delegate, and has been prominent in all advances. He is a friend of Algonquin S. Crapsey, who was disrobed recently for his religious views, and of Peter Feabody, who stood with Crapsey in his fight against disrobing.

The police of Brooklyn are getting their share of criticism since the McCarran-Woodruff debate, when Supreme Court Justices were bowled about by the charging horses of the bluecoats. Two new complaints have recently been made. Mrs. Abbie Johnston, a Southern woman who was passing through Brooklyn a few days ago, had her pocketbook taken by a negro, William Moore. Police Officer Edward Kavanagh was fatally shot by the thief in the pursuit. The police, it is said by the woman's attorney, treated her as if she had been the offender instead of a victim. In a statement made by her attorney, W. C. Binger, Jr., it was stated that after spending two nights in the Raymond Street Jail, was required to testify at the coroner's inquest. "Late in the evening," said Binger, "the coroner's jury met and she was bundled into an open patrol wagon by the policeman in charge and was compelled to sit opposite the negro murderer during the entire ride from the jail to the borough. All this took place in front of gaping hundreds, anxious to see the murderer. After the inquest she was again subjected to the same indignity, and compelled to ride back to the jail in the open patrol wagon with the negro murderer. When she objected to the outrage and requested one of the officers to let her return in a cab, or at least in a car, she was brutally remanded that the patrol wagon was 'good enough for her.'"

The latest criticism is based upon the action of the police in taking Messrs. Maxwell, Gow and Campbell to the Police Court for photographing and measuring them for the Rogues' Gallery. They were treated like convicted criminals, though not yet even arraigned on the indictments found against them.

THREE NEW FIREHOUSES.

Brooklyn Buildings Better Adapted to Comfort of the Men.

Within the last few months the Fire Department has had constructed in Brooklyn three firehouses of a new type. They are much more pretentious than the old types, and each costs between \$45,000 and \$50,000. They are built of brick, limestone and terra cotta, with stucco frames. In size they are about 30 feet wide by 80 deep. They are three stories in height, but with the altitude of ordinary four-story structures.

The first of these buildings was completed and opened a few days ago. It is now occupied by Hook and Ladder Company 73, a new organization. This building stands at Ralph avenue and Bergen street. The two others are nearing completion. One is being put up in 11th street, near Eighth avenue, and the other in Union street, near Seventh avenue.

The buildings are all of the same description. They are much more pleasant to look upon than the old style. The first floor in each building is for the apparatus and the horses. The stalls for the horses are in the centre of the large room, two on each side. The floor is concrete and the walls are glazed brick—making cleanliness readily attainable.

The quarters for the men and the officers in the floor above have been re-arranged. Formerly the officers slept in the front of the building, and the men behind. The order is now reversed. The stairs leading to the upper floors are in the rear of each building. The poles down which the men slide to the apparatus are in the centre and front of the buildings, and the openings are shut off from the sleeping rooms by swinging doors. This has the effect of shutting off the odor, dust, etc., of the stables from all the sleeping rooms.

The walls of the second floor are finished in polished cement. The bathrooms are wainscoted with dark Tennessee marble. The top floors of the buildings have similarly finished walls. The roofs are constructed of steel beams with concrete arches, and are covered without with tiles. The top floors are set aside as sitting rooms for the men and for lockers. Behind each of the buildings are storage sheds. Fire Chief Croker and Deputy Fire Commissioner have visited the new buildings and looked them over. They are greatly pleased with them, and believe that they will be more practical than the old houses and much more pleasant quarters for the men who must live in them.

SMOKY FIREPLACES

MADE TO DRAW OR NO CHARGE. Examinations and Estimates Free. References—Wm. W. Astor, Jos. H. Choate, White-law Hall and many other prominent people. JOHN WHITLEY, "Chimney Expert." 215 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Telephone 1613 Main. This advertisement appears Sunday only.

Brooklyn Advertisements.

F. D. Matthews' Sons. BROOKLYN.

To Hurry Out Holiday Furniture Reductions of 1/3 & 1/4

Beautiful Brass Bed, 2-inch Post, Heavy Filler, Any Size, \$13.98.

This golden quarter sawed oak, 44 in. wide, serpentine front, 26x16 bevel plate mirror, carved top. Slide for \$16.98. So far as we know, this style and character of Bed cannot be bought for less than \$23.75. This Bed, made up in a neat bedroom, with the dainty effects which a good housekeeper knows how to create, will stand out like lines of gold. It is the simplicity of elegance. Suppose you see it.

- Ladies' \$12.75 Desks.....\$9.98
\$8.75 Vermin-Martin Tables.....\$6.75
\$33.50 three-piece Parlor Suites.....\$28.75
\$14.98 five-shelf Bookcases.....\$11.75
\$14.75 five-shelf Combination Desks.....\$11.75
\$13.50 lovely Roman Chairs.....\$10.98
\$40.75 five-piece Parlor Suites.....\$39.98
\$8.50 Library Tables.....\$5.49
\$19.98 Princess Dressers.....\$16.75
\$33.75 iron frame Somersaultic Beds.....\$29.50

Holiday Gift Pictures.

Dinner Room Pictures and Pastels for Thanksgiving. Panel Game and Fish, framed in a 1 1/2 brown oak; 15x27 outside; value 79c, special 49c. Combination Game and Fruit, 14x37 outside. In brown and gold frame; value \$1.19, special.....80c. Panel Game and Fish, framed in a 2 1/2 veneered brown gilt frame, 10x29 outside; value \$1.49, special.....\$1.19. Assorted Fruit, framed in brown and gilt, 25x34 outside measurements; value \$3.00, special.....\$2.19. Combination dining room Pictures, three in one, framed in brown and gold, 21x47 outside; value \$3.00, special.....\$3.50.

Sheet and Muslin Specials.

59c. Hemmed Sheets, 45c. 2x2 1/2 yards, seam in centre, made of heavy linen finish muslin. Not more than four to a customer. None C. O. D., no mail or telephone orders. Yard Wide 12 1/2c. Lonsdale Muslin, 11c. Not more than 20 yards to a customer. None C. O. D., no mail or telephone orders. 10c. Bleached Domet, 8c. 35c. White Madras Waists, 19c. New and desirable white mercerized White Goods.

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\$17.50 to \$22.98 Robes, \$9.98. Unmade Linen Robes, embroidered English eye-let effects.

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The deliberate selection of a piano is much more likely to bring the purchaser a sweet toned instrument just suited to the needs than if bought in a hurry. Our best satisfied customers are those who take time to investigate the merits of

STERLING

Pianos and make comparison with others. We have made larger preparations for Christmas than ever in our history, and are frank in saying it is none too early to make your plans. In fact, the holiday tide of our business has already turned. Our new designs surpass all our past efforts with many very unique effects sure to touch the artistic sense of all who love the beautiful.

Playerpiano

Thousands of people who are natural born musicians cannot play the piano because they haven't had the opportunity to acquire the technique, but with our modern Playerpiano—two instruments in one—they can play the wondrous rhapsodies of Liszt, the masterpieces of Wagner, the matchless classics of Chopin or the simple melodies and popular airs of the day. And this you can do yourself, whether you ever played the piano or not. Remember, this piano can be played either by hand or with the music roll.

Six Immense Floors Devoted Exclusively to Pianos

With styles to suit every taste and prices to fit every pocketbook. Our pianos are the product of the highest artistic skill; they are worth protecting, and we always protect the purchase. Selections may be made now and delivery arranged to suit.

Little Used Pianos at \$125 and Up. Piano Benches, Music Cabinets, Scarfs. Music Roll Circulating Library. Music Rolls at Special Prices.

The Sterling Piano Co. 518-520 Fulton Street, cor. Hanover Place, Brooklyn. OPEN SATURDAY EVENINGS.

BROOKLYN SOCIAL CHAT

Weddings, Engagements and Entertainments in the Borough.

The marriage of Miss Louise Richards Carhart and Calvin Truesdale, of Manhattan, was solemnized on Wednesday at the Carhart country home in Belle Haven, Greenwich, Conn., owing to the recent death of the bride's father, William Edward Carhart. The ceremony was performed at noon by the Rev. Dr. L. Mason Clarke, in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends. The bride's gown was of white chiffon cloth and rose point lace over white satin. She carried lilies-of-the-valley and orchids and wore Mr. Truesdale's gift, a diamond heart. She was attended by Miss Ethel Carhart, who was gowned in white broadcloth. Graham Hyslop, of New London, was the best man. Henry Bangs Carhart gave his niece away. Mr. Truesdale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Haynes Truesdale, of Manhattan. Their country place is also at Belle Haven.

Miss Anna Therese Carpenter and Dr. Andrew Samuel Marshall were married on Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baxter Carpenter, No. 582 St. Mark's avenue. The Rev. Henry G. Marshall, of Hampton, Conn., father of the bride, officiated at the ceremony. Mrs. Edmont W. Froelich, who wore her wedding gown of white satin, was the matron of honor. Miss Mary Carpenter, as the maid of honor, was gowned

Shams, Scarfs & Drawnwork

Irish Point or Tambour embroidered Scarfs, 20x54 inches.....59c. Irish Point or Tambour embroidered Shams or Centrepieces, 30x30 inches.....59c. Japanese crepe Scarfs and Shams, hand drawn open-work.....98c. each. Hand made Renaissance Bureau Scarfs, extra well made, 20x54, special.....\$1.29 each. Hand made Renaissance Centrepieces, round, 24x24.....69c. Free lessons in embroidering from 9 to 11 A. M. by an expert teacher.

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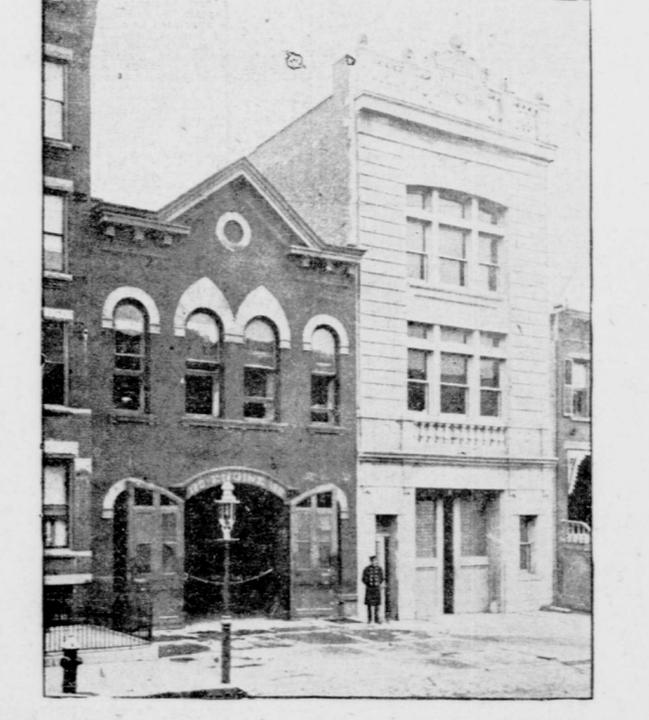
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THE OLD AND THE NEW FIREHOUSES IN 11TH STREET, NEAR EIGHTH AVENUE. The old will be torn down as soon as the new is finished.

in white flowered mull and pink messaline, and the two bridesmaids, Miss Adele Koch and Miss Olivia J. Norris, wore white maroulette over pale green silk. The bride's gown was of white Brussels net and princess lace. She carried a shower of lilies-of-the-valley. The best man was William H. Peck and the ushers were Charles A. Carpenter, Harold S. Recknaegel, Arba K. Alford and H. Paul Gulick. Dr. and Mrs. Marshall will live at No. 572 Lincoln Road.

The wedding of Miss Katharine Stewart Forsay, daughter of Mrs. David Forsay, and Arthur Schultz Lewis, will occur on December 10. The ceremony will take place in St. George's Church at 8.30 o'clock, and a reception will follow at the Forsay home, No. 198 Hancock street. Miss Mary S. Forsay will be her sister's only attendant. Herbert H. Lewis is to be the best man, and the ushers will be Arthur Myles, De Witt Peterkin, Henry Dyren, Adolph Varrelman, James McDonald and Stewart Forsay.

The New York Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church was the scene on Monday evening of the wedding of Miss Helen Volck and Frederick Putnam Oliver. The bride's only attendant was Miss Gertrude Comings. She was gowned in

has drawn more than \$12,000 from the Equitable on an investment of \$3,900. The last quarterly payment of \$121.80 was sent to Mrs. Gage, by special messenger, Thursday, while she was still receiving calls in honor of her birthday. With the check was sent a large bunch of roses as a gift from old employes of the Equitable and a congratulatory letter from President Paul Morton to "the society's oldest annuitant," in which he said:

In behalf of the officers and members of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, I take pleasure in extending to you our respectful and cordial salutations on your one hundredth birthday. I hope that for many a day you will continue to enjoy health and strength and comfort. You occupy a unique position, for you are the only member of the Equitable Society who has lived for a full century. We have had pleasant business relations with you for twenty-seven and a half years, and there are many in this office who hold you in respectful esteem.

Mrs. Gage came to New York City from Connecticut in 1828. She was twenty-one years old then. Her maiden name was Marvin. She lived with her uncle, named Kesler, on Chambers street, and attended the Brick Presbyterian Church, at the junction of Chatham street (now Park Row) and Nassau street, where now stands the old Times Building.

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And why? The copper plate costs anywhere from \$10 to \$15, and heretofore it has been discarded—considered just about as useful as an empty champagne bottle or a check for a seat at last night's theatrical performance. Not until some ingenious soul discovered that the bride was being defrauded of her rights to a certain square of copper did it occur to any one to make inquiry as to its whereabouts.

Having realized that it is hers for the asking, the up-to-date bride proceeds to take possession of it. And there isn't anything much prettier by the way than a piece of carefully burnished copper.

She doesn't put it away with the rest of her wedding treasures—her white satin slippers, a bit of orange blossoms or a praline, but she keeps it in white vellum, as her mother or her grandmother would have done. Not she.

She hires her to a jeweller and has a card tray made of it. The only thing necessary in the transformation is to round off the corners, bend up the edges just a bit with an extra dent on either side of each corner, and she has a little tray on which all who run may read—if they take the trouble to hold it before a mirror—her wedding invitation or her announcement, as the case may be.