

PLUMS ARE TO FALL TAMMANY GETS ONE.

Tax Commissioners to Be Named To-day.

Mayor Gaynor announced last night before leaving the City Hall that he would appoint tax commissioners to-day to succeed James H. Tracy, Charles J. McCord, Charles Putzel, John J. Halloran and Hugh Hastings and fill one vacancy in the board, making six appointments in all. These places are among the choicest plums in the gift of the Mayor, paying \$6,000 a year, with pleasant duties.

Two commissioners of accounts, at \$5,000 each. The assessors to succeed Paul Welmann, Antonio Zucca and James H. Kennedy, at \$5,000 each.

Supervisor of the City Record, at \$5,000, in place of Patrick J. Tracy. Commissioner of Licenses, in place of John N. Bogart.

Commissioner of Corrections, in place of John J. Barry, \$7,500. Health Commissioner, in place of Dr. Thomas Darlington, \$7,500.

Park Commissioner, in place of Manhattan and Richmond, in place of Henry Smith, \$5,000. Tenement House Commissioner, in place of Edmund J. Butler, at \$7,500.

At the same time Mayor Gaynor may announce the reappointment of Police Commissioner Baker and Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards. It is understood that these two officials will remain at the head of their respective departments, but it would not surprise any one if they, too, were displaced.

MR. MURPHY CALLS.

Charles F. Murphy spent an hour with Mayor Gaynor yesterday. Mr. Murphy reached the looking place at 11 o'clock. He was called to the Mayor's office in time to meet his honor when he came downstairs.

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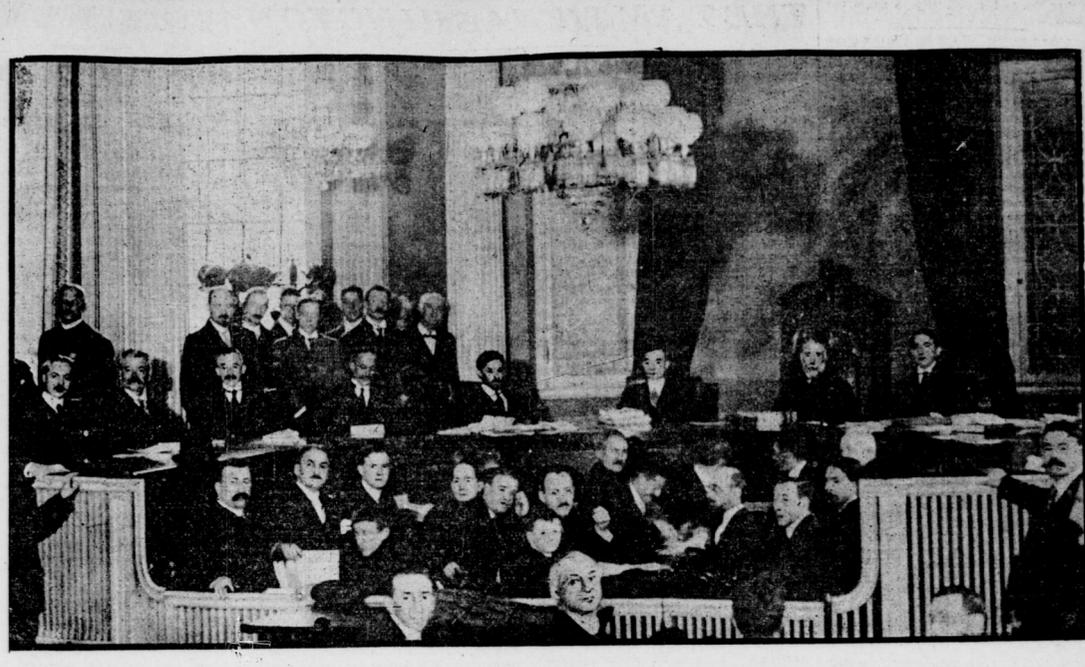
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THE NEW BOARD OF ESTIMATE MEETING FOR FIRST TIME.

BOARD STARTS WORK MITCHELL'S PLAN UP.

Mayor Gaynor Presides at His First Meeting.

The new Board of Estimate and Apportionment, with Mayor Gaynor presiding, at its first meeting yesterday staked out work as follows: Authorized the appointment of a committee consisting of the Mayor, Controller and President of the Board of Aldermen and President of the Public Service Commission for the purpose of providing for rapid transit facilities and to formulate a plan for the immediate relief of transit congestion, to report on or before March 1.

The same committee to formulate a plan to standardize the purchase of supplies. Directed the secretary of the board to furnish a complete estimate of all public improvements contemplated or under way under the jurisdiction of the respective departments and to report by February 15.

Created a committee to draft rules for the guidance of the board. Called on the various departments to render a full statement by February 10 concerning the proposed and inactive corporate stock appropriations, with the idea of making such unexpended balances available for general use.

Called for a statement from the secretary with reference to all corporate stock authorization, and directed that all branches of the city government refrain from incurring further liabilities other than water bonds, without express authorization of the Board of Estimate.

Authorized the appointment of a commission of five to report on teachers' salaries in the public schools, the commission to be appointed, two by the Mayor, two by the Controller and one by the President of the Board of Aldermen.

Called on the Controller to furnish a statement showing all increases in the borrowing capacity of the city, and on the Department of Taxes for a statement showing the estimated increase in the assessed valuation of real estate.

All of these resolutions were prepared after the conference on Thursday afternoon in the Mayor's office, and the typewriting indicated that they had been prepared by one person, presumably President Mitchell of the Board of Aldermen.

The only one giving Messrs. Prudergast and Mitchell precedence in the appointment of a commission to readjust teachers' salaries.

All the resolutions were adopted without a dissenting vote. Street Cleaning Commissioner Edwards was "shot to pieces" under a rapid-fire cross-questioning by the Controller and the President of the Board of Aldermen when he asked the board to approve the contract with the William Bradley company for proposed snow removal by the area system.

The Commissioner said the Christmas storm had cost the city about \$500,000 or \$600,000. He said that under the area system three years ago snow removal had cost \$2,500,000, but there had been fifty-year removal cost \$700,000.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell a committee of three was authorized to draft a new form of contract. The Mayor commended the Commissioner for his explanation.

Nearly all the routine resolutions were referred to the Controller for further examination.

The only fun furnished during the session was by Dr. Junor, speaking for Flat-bush taxpayers, who protested against the change in location by the old Board of Estimate of the Catskill aqueduct. He said that the MacLellan Board of Estimate had indulged in an "orgy of extravagance" and an "orgy of extravagance."

He called for a rescinding of the action of the old board in behalf of "teeming millions" who would some day want the aqueduct laid under Flatbush, and he solemnly declared that the action of the old board "seems to us unwise."

The Mayor assured him that his protest would receive consideration. Ex-Controller Metz was in the audience, and he said it seemed like old times, but somewhat tamer.

THINKS HE IS KENNEDY HEIR.

Pittsfield Carpenter Has No Claim to Estate, Says Executor.

Pittsfield, Mass., Jan. 7.—James D. Kennedy, carpenter here, thinks that he may be an heir of John Stewart Kennedy, the late New York millionaire, and has engaged counsel to make inquiries into the family history. James Kennedy says that his father and the latter's brother, John, went from Scotland to New York in 1850. The family was accused a few years later, James came to Pittsfield thirty-five years ago, and is now sixty-seven years of age. He thinks he is possibly a nephew of the dead banker.

Robert W. de Forest, one of the executors of the Kennedy estate, said last night he asked the board to approve the contract to the estate. "The will has been proved," he said, "and the family proven. I have heard of no contest here or by any member of the family."

MEMORIAL FOR MR. HULL. Memorial services will be held at 4 o'clock to-morrow in the home of Washington Hull, No. 154 South Portland avenue, Brooklyn. Mr. Hull, a well known architect, was drowned when his yacht Commodore went down in a storm off Ellis Harbor, Long Island, on November 2. His body has not been recovered.

HUB CAMPAIGN HOT. All Issues Except Personal Honesty Cast Aside.

Boston, Jan. 7.—The municipal contest near the white heat stage to-day, with all other issues except that of personal honesty thrown aside. All four of the candidates for Mayor are speaking or trying to speak a dozen or more times a day, and nearly all have gone as far as possible in hurling innuendoes at one another. In fact, several politicians who have felt the sting of the political whip have sought the courts in an effort to obtain writs for alleged criminal libel. The local papers contain little else than politics, both in the news and advertising columns.

If there are any voters who have not been reached by personal solicitations, rallies, letters or the immense headlines in the newspapers they must be out of town, and, with every public automobile engaged and several hundred motor cars secured, it is expected that a vote well up to 90 per cent of the registration of 113,000 will be polled.

Two of the candidates, James J. Storrow and ex-Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, have organized big political machines, which have brought into the work thousands of people. House-to-house calls have been made throughout the city, and thousands of letters have been sent out.

Mr. Fitzgerald spoke at twenty-four rallies to-night, while Mr. Storrow attended more than a dozen meetings. Mayor George A. Hibbard has not been so active, but he nevertheless made a round of the wards to-night. Nathaniel H. Taylor, the fourth candidate, has been less strenuous in his pursuit of the voters than his opponents, yet he, too, was active to-night, and will probably be heard from more as Election Day approaches.

Mr. Storrow and Mr. Fitzgerald have been the principal actors on the political stage, and both have fired hot shot at each other for nearly eleven weeks. Each has charged that the other was using money to further his own interests, while Mr. Fitzgerald to-day alleged that his opponent had purchased the support of papers in New York. A recent change in the ownership of a local paper is said to have been one of the results of the campaign.

A warm controversy between the editor of an afternoon newspaper and the heads of two big banking institutions over an alleged attempt to control the political preferences of the paper is a side feature of the municipal situation. Ex-Mayor Fitzgerald started it when he charged in his platform speeches that the newspaper was controlled by Mr. Storrow. The editor retorted that certain prominent capitalists, who until recently had controlled the newspaper corporation, had attempted by threats of foreclosure to gain personal control of the paper in the interest of Fitzgerald. Signed statements from the bankers and others concerned appeared as advertisements to-day in all the papers denying the editor's charges, but he reiterates them in another statement issued this evening.

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Glass Flies in Head-On Collision in Central Park.

Four persons were taken to the Presbyterian Hospital last night suffering from injuries received when an automobile containing a party taken on a pleasure trip by a chauffeur and a westbound car of the 86th street line were in a head-on collision in the Transverse Road in Central Park, near Fifth avenue.

The chauffeur, Nelson Seaback, of No. 225 South Broadway, Yonkers, who was thrown about twenty-five feet, and the motorman, George Rosini, of No. 1668 Park avenue, escaped serious injury and were locked up in the Arsenal station on a technical charge of assault.

The persons injured were Iver Djurstrom, his wife and sister, who live at No. 2650 Broadway, and were riding in the wrecked automobile, and Patrick Twomey, of No. 219 East 89th street, a passenger on the car. All were badly cut by flying glass, and the occupants of the machine were severely bruised when they were thrown from their seats without warning against the front of the automobile. Several passengers on the car received minor cuts and bruises.

The automobile was owned by Benjamin H. Kaufman, who lives at Central Park West and 74th street, and Captain Farrell, of the Arsenal station, tried last night to get into communication with him to find out if he wished to prosecute his chauffeur under the new law, which makes the chauffeur of a "joy riding" machine liable to arrest for grand larceny.

The car was an imported machine of French make and its value was estimated by the police as \$6,000. It was a total wreck. Seaback said after the accident that the wrecking crew which was sent to clear the tracks did more damage to the automobile than the collision.

Seaback has been employed by Mr. Kaufman for several years. He was discharged from a garage to take the family of his employer to the opera. On the way he met his friends, the Durstroms, and invited them to take a short spin with him. They turned east into the Transverse Road and followed an eastbound car, which was going west and eastbound. Seaback was right behind the car when the motorman of the latter turned off the power and applied the brakes as he approached a curve.

The chauffeur, to avoid a collision with the car, swung out into the westbound track just as the car driven by Rosini approached at a fast rate of speed. The car and the automobile came together with such force that the rear trucks of the former were lifted from the tracks. All the windows in the limousine were shattered and many of those in the car were also broken. The front vestibule of the car crumpled up like paper, and Rosini's escape from serious injury was remarkable.

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HIT WATER PROJECT DELAY IN PROSPECT.

Catskill Board Likely To Be Investigated.

Simultaneous attacks were made yesterday in the Supreme Court at White Plains before Justice Mills and in the City Hall before Mayor Gaynor on the Catskill aqueduct project. In the Board of Estimate Controller Prudergast obtained unanimous consent for a resolution asking the State Water Board, which is to meet here on Wednesday, to defer affirmative action on the plans of the Board of Water Supply for a deep pressure tunnel for the aqueduct under Manhattan Island and connecting with Brooklyn and Richmond.

In White Plains Assistant Corporation Counsel Henry C. Dykman moved to set aside the report of the commissioners in condemnation proceedings brought by the city in connection with the Hillview reservoir. Mr. Dykman asked that the report be set aside, first, on the ground that the commissioners made awards which would shock the conscience of the court; second, on the ground that one of the commissioners, Joseph E. Merriam, of Mount Kisco, in these same proceedings had received about \$10,000 for his services, and that the Corporation Counsel had knowledge of the same.

Mr. Merriam had received \$500 or \$750 as counsel fees for representing property owners in similar proceedings brought by the city. Mr. Dykman said that Mr. Merriam had resigned his commission-ership. There will be another hearing at Mount Vernon on January 22.

While the action taken by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment yesterday was said by Mayor Gaynor to be only necessary and proper in order that the city officials might know just what was under way, there were many rumors afloat last night about further and drastic action by the Mayor administration looking to the suspension of Merriam. He probably smoothed the way for early action on this particular piece of engineering, but it is probable that the Mayor will insist at an early day on a rigid reform in the methods now governing the appraisal of lands to be acquired by the city for water supply purposes.

During the campaign, in a lecture at New Rochelle and at the dinner given in his honor by the bar, Judge Gaynor spoke strongly against the methods now used to acquire land for the new aqueduct.

Rumor went so far yesterday as to say that the Mayor would prefer charges against the Board of Water Supply, holding that the members are morally responsible for the great cost of the aqueduct. It was said that figures were available showing that it had cost the city \$4,000,000 to acquire title to \$2,000,000 worth of land, and that equally preposterous figures would be forthcoming when land for other sections of the aqueduct was paid for.

The commissioners say that they are ready for any kind of a grilling. They are prepared to show that they asked Corporation Counsel DeLoay for authority to conduct their own purchase of lands, and that their application was denied. Later they asked Corporation Counsel Ellison for this authority and he sanctioned it, but in the mean time syndicates working on a percentage basis had been all over the watershed getting options on tracts needed by the city.

He rushed at the descending elevator, pointing the revolver, according to the police, at Olmstead, who quickly reversed his lever and started up again. Solvner fired at the disappearing elevator, but only struck the wall, and the women screamed. Olmstead ran the elevator clear to the top of the building without a stop.

BRITISH SHIP A TOTAL LOSS. Honolulu, Jan. 7.—The captain and crew of the British bark Alexander Black have reached here, after abandoning their ship, which went ashore on Tuesday as it was entering the harbor of Kahului, on the island of Maui.

The vessel is breaking up, and the cargo, valued at \$14,000, will be a total loss. Be-

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