FRIENDS SEE ROOSEVELT

Garfield and Pinchot at Tennis with ex-President and Son.

ROUGH RIDERS BRING FLAGS

Many Political Conjectures, but Evidence Is Flimsy as to What Was Discussed.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 24.—Theodore Roosevelt held a long conference to-day with James R. Garfield, his Secretary of the Interior, and Gifford Pinchot, the Chief Forester whom President Taft deposed.

What they said and what bearing, if any, their talk had on the national political situation are known only to themselves. Every precaution was taken to keep it all a profound secret.

That the two men who were such close friends and valued advisers of Mr. Roosevelt during his years in the White House did talk politics, and explained their side of the controversy which placed them in opposition to the Taft administration is conjectured here. Yet this belief is supported by only one bit of flimsy circumstance. It is this: Just as these two visitors were about to leave, Mr. Roosevelt excused himself from other guests and conferred for some time privately with Messrs. Pinchot and Garfield.

Local Paper Gets a Scoop.

Oyster Bay, which is somewhat self-conscious politically, took no end of interest in the visit of Mr. Garfield and Mr. Pinchot, and this afternoon Mr. Roosevelt's home paper, "The Oyster Bay Pilot," appeared with an editorial utterance to the effect that Roosevelt, Pinchot and Garfield were very busy forming a new national party.

Mr. Garfield and Mr. Pinchot, who refused to discuss the subject of their visit on their arrival, were as elusive as ever when they left town at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Medill McCormick, of "The Chicago Tribune," who came down from New York in a big touring car, took them back with him. They took care to dodge interviewers, and the car scooted through town like a scared cottontail.

Mr. Roosevelt spent the day entertaining his guests, including "Jack" Greenway, of Coleraine, Minn.; Captain Edward Borein, of California; William McGinty, of Ripley, Okla.; Edward E. Emerson, of Boston—all old Rough Rider comrades; Leslie Tarlton and Claude Tritton, Englishmen, who organized his African expedition; Francis J. Heney, the San Francisco graft prosecutor, and Mrs. Heney.

Mr. Heney is another man who, in an indirect way, was connected with the Roosevelt administration, having prosecuted the Oregon land fraud cases.

Governor Hughes Expected.

Governor Hughes is expected in Oyster Bay, either at the end of this week or next week, after Mr. Roosevelt returns from Cambridge.

Mr. Roosevelt partly reorganized the old "tennis cabinet" to-day with the season's first set of doubles on the Sagamore Hill courts. Garfield and Pinchot, with Colonel Roosevelt and Kermit, made up the opposing teams.

The Rough Riders went to Sagamore Hill on a mission of patriotism. The three of them—Borein, McGinty and Emerson—donned their uniforms in New York at sunrise, ferried across the East River, then rode all the way to Oyster Bay on cow ponies. They bore the Rough Riders' dearest possessions, the two regimental flags which they carried in their charge up San Juan Hill.

Greets Rough Riders.

Mr. Roosevelt was sitting on the veranda waiting. When he saw them plodding up the hill he walked down part way to meet them. The cavalrymen saluted him in military fashion and Mr. Roosevelt returned the salute

"Colonel," said Captain Borein, "we have brought back the standards to the man who is best fitted to keep them."

Mr. Roosevelt replied that he would treasure the colors always. One of them he had loaned to the Rough Riders for their celebration yesterday. The Rough Riders also brought a cavalry guidon for Mr. Roosevelt yesterday from the Grand Army of the Republic of Oklahoma.

JURY COMPOSED OF WOMEN

Not Men Enough in Town—Find Another Woman Insane.

Hahn's Peak, Col., June 24.—A jury composed entirely of women was assembled in the County Court here yesterday by Judge Morning to pass upon the sanity of Elizabeth Hutchinson. Hahn's Peak was almost wiped out by a recent fire, and the court could not find enough eligible men in the town to make up the necessary jury of six. The women were duly sworn, heard the evidence and adjudged Miss Hutchinson insane.

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WELCOME FOR KERMIT

Ex-President's Son at Harvard Class Day Exercises.

ALWAYS A FAVORITE THERE

Graduates Enjoy Festive Time, Including Spreads, Dinners and Dancing.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Boston, June 24.—Kermit Roosevelt had a rousing reception when he appeared at Harvard to-day for the first time since he left, while in his freshman year, to be official photographer with his father's African hunting party. When he appeared to-day to take part in the class day exercises he was immediately surrounded by his former classmates and college friends. He was compelled to repeat the story of his experiences several times before the Harvard men would be satisfied, and all day long he was the centre of interest.

When in college Mr. Roosevelt was a favorite and a leader in all of the social affairs. To-day at the spreads of the Hasty Pudding Club at Beck Hall much was made of the ex-President's son. He was also a centre of feminine interest. When the news spread about that Kermit Roosevelt was there all the class day girls naturally were desirous of having him presented to them. It was a busy day for Kermit.

The senior class owned Harvard to-day. In its celebration of its class day it bowed itself in prayer; it sat sedately to oration, poem and ode; it did escort duty to thousands of pretty girls at spreads and luncheons; it cheered all the college buildings; it went through traditional "stunts" in the stadium, and wound up the most joyous day in its history with teas, dinners, music and dancing. The weather certainly smiled on '10. The heat early in the week had given place to cool, invigorating air, and the black gowned members of the class frolicked until night.

The day began with the customary devotional service in Appleton Chapel. An hour later came the exercises in Sanders Theatre. The marshals—Robert Clois Brown, of Medford, Mass.; Charles L. Lanigan, of Lawrence, Mass., a member of the baseball nine, and Jesse E. Waid, of St. Louis, one of the 'varsity crew—conducted the exercises. The oration was by W. R. Ohler, of Bethel, Conn.; the poem by Edward Thomas Eyer Hunt, of Machanicsburg, Ohio, and the ode by T. S. Eliot, of St. Louis.

It was noon before the crowd poured forth from Sanders Theatre and hurried over to the midday spreads. In the mean time the yard had filled rapidly, and at 2 p. m. was closed to all except ticket holders. The graduates were the first to assemble for the afternoon festivities, and with the older classes leading, followed by the freshmen, sophomores and juniors, the long line wound through Harvard square and across the bridge to the stadium. After the march around the yard to cheer the buildings the seniors followed and were royally hailed as they trooped into the arena. The large expansion of the stadium never looked finer than to-day, with its tier on tier of gayly dressed girls, and the scene of the confetti throwing was particularly brilliant.

The evening affairs differed little from those of former years.

Seventy-five seniors, approximately one-fifth of the class, have signified their intention to become members of the bar. Five will enter the ministry, thirty-two will study medicine, five will take up journalism, fifty-four business, twenty-six banking, seventeen brokerage, fifty-three engineering, and five will enter the government employ. Fifty-four are undecided.

A. C. Tilton will become a wholesale milliner; E. L. Souder, a missionary; J. J. Mahoney, statistician; W. A. Corley will enter the United States navy; "Bob" Brown, first marshal for class day, will take up mining engineering; C. L. Lanigan, captain of the baseball team, is undecided; Trafford Picks, baseball pitcher, is undecided; G. P. Gardner, holder of four "H's," will enter business; Jesse Waid, captain of crew, specifies law; C. C. Little, captain of track team, teaching; E. E. Hunt, class poet, undecided; W. R. Ohler, class orator, medicine; T. S. Eliot, class odist, undecided, and F. W. Sullivan, ivy orator, undecided. W. B. Day will take up ranch life and B. A. Fisher aspires to be a playwright.

MR. ROOSEVELT SETS DATES

Conservation Speech on September 6—In Kansas August 29.

Washington, June 24.—Tuesday, September 6, was selected to-day by ex-President Roosevelt as the date on which he will address the National Conservation Congress in St. Paul. This information was received by the National Conservation Association here to-night from Thomas R. Shipp, secretary of the organization. The date was fixed at a conference between Mr. Roosevelt, Gifford Pinchot and James R. Garfield at Oyster Bay. The congress will be in session from September 6 to September 9.

Mr. Roosevelt has telegraphed to Representative Scott, of Kansas, that he will make the Kansas speech he recently promised at Ossawatomie, on Monday, August 29. The address will probably be of a historical nature.

SAID SHE WAS HALLEY'S COMET

That's Why Philadelphia Young Woman Jumped Into River.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Philadelphia, June 24.—A neatly dressed young woman walked down to the west bank of the Schuylkill River, below Girard avenue, this morning, perched on the rail and regarded the water. Bradford Hannum, a fisherman, noticed her, but paid little attention to her.

She recalled herself to his attention a few minutes later by rushing to the edge of the wharf and jumping overboard with a shrill "Whee!"

She went down once, but started swimming when she came up. Hannum dropped his fishing line and got busy with a rope and a boathook. He yelled for J. J. Dougherty, a park guard, and the two fished the young woman out of the water.

"What did you do that for?" demanded Dougherty.

"I'm Halley's comet," she said, "and I want to die. Everybody calls me Halley's comet."

She is being held at the Philadelphia Hospital pending identification.

STORY OF SWOPE MARRIAGE

Old Friend Says Millionaire Told of Eastern Ceremony.

Kansas City, Mo., June 24.—In a deposition supporting the claim of Elmer Swope, of Martinsville, W. Va., to the estate of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, John C. Henry, an old soldier, formerly of New Jersey, said to-day that Colonel Swope was known in his boyhood as Peter Moss Swope, and that he married in New Jersey or Pennsylvania about the time the Civil War began. Colonel Swope's relatives here deny that he was ever married.

Henry declared that Colonel Swope in 1879, in this city, told him of his marriage to a Miss Carroll, whom he said he left just before a son was born to them. Henry, who is sixty-eight years old, said he was employed as a carpenter by Colonel Swope in 1879, and that an intimate acquaintance developed between them because they were both soldiers in the Civil War.

THE NEW AND OLD SUPERVISOR OF CITY RECORD.

PATRICK J. TRACY. The retiring head.

DAVID FERGUSON. The new Supervisor.

C. P. KNAPP CONVICTED

Guilty of Receiving Deposit Knowing Bank Was Insolvent.

Binghamton, N. Y., June 24.—Charles P. Knapp, one of the firm of Knapp Brothers, private bankers of Deposit, N. Y., which failed over a year ago, when the Binghamton Trust Company's doors were also closed, was to-day convicted of receiving a deposit in his bank on the day before it closed, knowing at the time that the bank was insolvent. The indictment was found in Broome County, but because of alleged adverse sentiment in this county the trial was held in Otsego County, before Justice Henry B. Coman. It has been in progress since June 13, the jury retiring late yesterday afternoon and reporting at the opening of court this morning. Knapp was immediately sentenced to Auburn prison for not less than fifteen months nor more than two years.

The failure of Knapp Brothers was due to excessive and unsecured loans to the "Outing" publishers, and it was the crash of the banking firm that caused the suspension and subsequent liquidation of the Binghamton Trust Company.

Charles J. Knapp, an uncle of the man just convicted and a member of Knapp Brothers, as well as president of the Binghamton Trust Company, is indicted on a similar charge, and his trial is also scheduled to be held in Otsego County.

MEETING FOR BOY SCOUTS

Jacob Riis and Ernest Thompson Seton Tell of Work To Be Done.

The first public meeting to be held in New York in the interest of the Boy Scouts of America took place last night in the auditorium of the West Side Young Men's Christian Association, West 57th street. Among those on the platform were Egerton L. Winthrop, of the Board of Education, and Colonel Peter S. Bomus, U. S. A. (retired), commander in chief of the Boy Scouts. The speakers of the evening were Jacob Riis, Ernest Thompson Seton and Daniel Beard, founder of the Sons of Daniel Boone.

Mr. Riis told many interesting stories of his work among the boys in the slums of New York and pleaded that the bad boys be given a show to make good.

Mr. Seton explained that the idea of the Boy Scouts was to help in the character building of boys between the years of ten and eighteen. The Sunday school and the church no longer filled the place in the boy's mind that they did, and something had to be found to take their place. He said the Boy Scouts were started in England by General Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

The organization of the boys of America, Mr. Seton said, had already begun, and they now were established in their New York headquarters, at No. 124 East 28th street. They thus had an organization and were all ready to begin the enlisting of the boys.

BATONYI SUIT SETTLED

Proceedings Discontinued by Agreement Between Both Parties.

Newport, R. I., June 24.—The suit for $150,000 brought by Aurel Batonyi against his former wife, Mrs. Frances Burke Roche, her father, Frank Work, of New York, and Frank K. Sturgis, an attorney, was settled out of court here to-day. Batonyi, who acted as his own counsel, charged that the defendants retained for their own use property belonging to him consisting of coaching trophies, clothing, harness and many personal papers, which he alleged were taken from the Two-Mile Farm in Middletown in 1907.

Shortly after the trial opened Judge Lee, who heard the case, called Batonyi and the attorneys for the defendants together in private, and at the opening of the afternoon session it was announced that the proceedings had been discontinued by an agreement between the parties. The terms of settlement were not made public.

NINE GUILTY AT SCHENECTADY

Extraordinary Term of Supreme Court Adjourns to July 15.

Schenectady, N. Y., June 24.—The extraordinary term of the Supreme Court, which has been trying graft cases, adjourned to-day to July 15, when Justice Van Kirk will return to pronounce sentence and entertain motions preliminary to appeal. The court convened on May 16 by direction of Governor Hughes, and the grand jury on June 2 returned forty-one indictments against seventeen men.

When court adjourned to-day the score stood: Convicted of felonies, 4; pleaded guilty to felonies, 2; pleaded guilty to misdemeanors, 3; indictments dismissed, 2; acquitted by jury at direction of the court, 2; sent to the county court, 1; undisposed of, 1; not arrested, 1.

VICTORY FOR MRS. C. P. TAFT

Wins Case Against La Salle Theatre Lessees in Chicago.

Chicago, June 24.—Mrs. Anna Sinton Taft, sister-in-law of President Taft and wife of Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, won a victory yesterday when the Appellate Court affirmed the decree of the Superior Court holding that Mrs. Taft had the right to take possession of the La Salle Theatre. The decision was given on appeal taken by lessees of the theatre, who on April 30, 1909, filed a bill in the Superior Court asking the courts to compel Mrs. Taft to issue a renewal of the lease for a term of five years from May 1, 1909, at an annual rental of $8,500. The decree entered yesterday holds that Mrs. Taft is entitled to $7,231 as back rent for several months. The fair rental value was fixed at $18,500 a year.

WATERWAYS COMMISSION.

Toronto, June 24.—The International Waterways Commission met in this city to-day. Six members were present, three representing the United States and three Canada.

The question of the Great Lakes boundary line and that of a definite dividing line to be drawn through the St. Lawrence system are among the subjects under consideration.

HUGHES SIGNS MANY BILLS

Measures Aimed at White Slave Traffic Now Laws.

Albany, June 24.—Two bills of Assemblyman Whitney aimed at the "white slave" traffic were signed to-day by Gov. Hughes. One makes the importation of women and girls into this state for immoral purposes a felony subject to imprisonment for from two to twenty years and to a fine not exceeding $5,000. The other makes the maintenance of a disorderly house a misdemeanor, and provides that when the lessee is convicted under this law the lease of the premises shall, at the option of the lessor, become void.

Another bill signed is aimed at "joy riding." It provides that any chauffeur who, without the consent of the owner, shall use, operate or remove from a garage or other building any automobile or motor vehicle is guilty of grand larceny.

The Governor also approved several insurance bills. One relates to surrendered and lapsed policies of life insurance. Another exempts from the provisions of the insurance law religious orders and corporations organized solely for the support or relief of priests, clergy or ministers of any religious denomination or for the support of those dependent on them. A third prescribes the method of valuing life insurance policies, and a fourth provides that any officer or director of a life or casualty insurance corporation on the co-operative or assessment plan, or of a fraternal beneficiary society, order or association who shall sell his position as officer or director for any money or valuable consideration shall be guilty of a felony if the money consideration shall be more than $500, and if less, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Four bills by Assemblyman A. F. Allen were signed authorizing the State Insurance Department to investigate and regulate Lloyds associations; providing for the issuance of standard policies by health and accident companies; increasing the supervisory powers of the State Insurance Department over companies operating in this state, particularly as to their finances, and prohibiting the organization in this state hereafter of companies for the purpose of insuring livestock on the co-operative plan.

A measure by Mr. Foley, increasing from $5,000 to $20,000 the fine to be imposed against a corporation convicted of violating the Donnelly anti-trust law, and another by Senator Hill, requiring auctioneers to keep books and records for inspection by local authorities, were signed.

Another bill approved strengthens the law for the registration of real property titles under the Torrens system.

The Governor also signed a bill providing more stringent methods for preventing and fighting forest fires.

O'MALLEY EXPLAINS ACTION

Says Evidence Demands Thorough Inquiry—Skene for It.

Albany, June 24.—Attorney General O'Malley to-day gave out a statement in regard to his application to Governor Hughes to convene an extraordinary session of the Supreme Court in this city on July 18, to take up charges alleging irregularities in letting good road contracts in the administration of Frederick Skene, as State Engineer and Surveyor, in 1907 and 1908. The statement follows:

Some time ago charges were filed with this office, calling my attention officially to what purported to be irregularities and wrongdoing in the letting of contracts for good roads by the State Engineer and Surveyor's Department during the years 1907 and 1908. Immediately upon having my attention called to the matter, an investigation was begun. It was necessarily a slow process and occupied considerable time. After securing all the information possible without the aid of court process, I came to the conclusion that the evidence adduced was of such a character as to demand thorough investigation by a grand jury.

I therefore made application yesterday to the Governor for the convening of an extraordinary term of the Supreme Court here on July 18. All of the facts heretofore gathered and which may be found by further investigation will be placed before the grand jury of this county. This investigation will probably cover various portions of the state, and, because of its general application, I concluded it was a proper subject for the Attorney General to handle instead of the various district attorneys. It would be improper for me to say anything at this time as to the nature of the evidence.

When Frederick Skene was seen last evening at his home, No. 67 Stevens street, Astoria, Long Island City, he declined to discuss in detail the charges which have been made public in Albany, and which it is said are to be made the subject of an investigation by a special grand jury in that county. Beyond the articles published in the daily papers, Mr. Skene said he had not received any notification, official or otherwise, that such an investigation was to be made.

"However," he said, "the investigation as purported to be outlined by Governor Hughes and as reported in to-day's papers is just what I desire. It is the sort of inquiry that I requested the Governor to make when charges were first made against my administration as State Engineer. I court and request the fullest and most searching inquiry. Only through a legal inquiry as now evidently contemplated can I obtain a thorough vindication. I expect to go to Albany the early part of next week, and will then make arrangements as to my future course."

QUIET DAY IN LEGISLATURE

Senator Harte Introduces Official Primary Ballot Measure.

Albany, June 24.—Three Senators and as many Assemblymen went through the formality of a legislative session to-day for the purpose of creating a legislative day. Senator Harte introduced a bill providing for an official primary ballot. The names of candidates are to be arranged in groups under the names of the offices. Independent designations are to be made by a certificate signed by not less than fifty voters in each Assembly district and filed at least ten days before primary day. Party designations and independent designations are to be printed on separate ballots.

Assemblyman Ebbetts, on behalf of Mr. Ward, put in a bill amending the election law by changing the provisions for the custody of the registers of voters in New York City.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow but the Assembly will not meet again until Monday night.

CITY RECORD STAFF OUT

David Ferguson Succeeds Tracey as Supervisor of City Daily.

FOSTER REPLIES TO MAYOR

Explains Service to Newspapers He Represented, and Quotes Commissions Paid.

The City Record has a new editor, even if that isn't his official title.

David Ferguson, a well known newspaper man, was appointed Supervisor of the city's daily yesterday, to succeed Patrick J. Tracey, who resigned earlier in the day. The appointment, which is made by the Board of City Record, was announced by the Mayor just before he left for his home at St. James. He carried with him the appendix report of the City Record Commission, and will determine, after going through it carefully, whether any further action should be taken.

Henry McMillen, deputy supervisor, resigned with his chief. The Mayor will not say that the resignations had been asked, but a change in the management was believed to be inevitable after the report of the City Record Commission.

The salary of the Supervisor is $5,000 a year. Mr. Tracey had held the place since January, 1904. Mr. McMillen, whose salary was $2,500 a year, had been in office fifteen years. It is classified in the Civil Service, and no appointment can be made until after an examination.

Mr. Ferguson's Record.

Mr. Ferguson was born in Norfolk, Va., and educated in Brooklyn. For twenty-three years he has been actively engaged in newspaper work, for a good part of that time on the staff of "The World." He is a Democrat, but has never taken an active part in political affairs. His present home is No. 397 McDonough street, Brooklyn.

The Mayor said Mr. Ferguson was in every way qualified for the work both in experience and character.

William George Foster made public a letter last night he had written to the Mayor on Wednesday, replying to the statements made about him in the report of the City Record Commission. Referring to a statement of the commission that small weekly papers "with a fugitive circulation" had raised their advertising rates to 40 cents a line in the city because they had to pay a commission of from 25 to 50 per cent to Mr. Foster, he declares that of the weekly papers represented by him three charged 40 cents and never changed their rate. One other reduced its rate from 40 to 25 cents.

Didn't Represent All Papers.

"I may add," he says, "that in no year did I represent more than forty-nine of the 182 papers which received city advertising, and as these included the official city and borough papers, there is very little room for 'weekly papers with fugitive circulation.' Such papers, you will find, were represented by others, not by me."

Mr. Foster says a certified public accountant has reported that his books show that 74 per cent of his receipts from 1902 to 1909 came from papers that paid 10 per cent commission or less, that 22 per cent of the receipts came from papers paying 15 per cent, and only 4 per cent from papers paying 20 or 25 per cent. He declares that only one paper ever paid as high as 25 per cent, and none over that amount.

"If the Mayor would inquire," says Mr. Foster, "he would find that all the redesignations made in the Mayor's office were from papers represented by him to those which were not."

The service rendered by him to the newspapers, Mr. Foster says, which they deemed adequate reason for employing him, "without any political or other pressure or inducement," had nothing to do with the soliciting or getting of advertisements. It consisted, he says, of reading the advertisements and the proof, checking them, seeing that the proofs of publication were properly prepared and similar details.

PLEADS GUILTY TO BIG FORGERY.

Cambridge, Mass., June 24.—Leaning on the rail for support, John B. Lombard, in a faint voice, to-day pleaded guilty before Judge William B. Stevens, of the Superior Court, to all seven counts of an indictment charging him with the forgery of notes of the town of Framingham totalling $320,000 while he was treasurer of that place. Sentence was deferred until next Monday.

BLACK LOSES CONTEST

Will Now Run Against Dalzell Independently.

Pittsburg, June 24.—In a restraining order, handed down by Judge Josiah Cohen, in Common Pleas Court to-day, the commissioners of Alleghany County are permanently restrained from opening the ballot boxes in the 30th Congress District and recounting the vote cast in sixty-six precincts contested by Dr. Robert J. Black and twenty-three precincts contested by John Dalzell, both of whom, with Clarence V. Tiers, were candidates for the Republican nomination of the dsitrict in the primaries of June 4.

Unless attorneys for Black appeal to the higher courts, the vote announced by the county commissioners shortly after the primary now stands and Congressman Dalzell receives the nomination. It is said such an appeal is being prepared.

Dalzell claimed the Congressional nomination over Black by 197 votes and Black contested the election by filing a petition with the county commissioners claiming fraud in sixty-six precincts. The petition was granted, and the commissioners had opened eight ballot boxes and were recounting the vote when they were enjoined from further proceedings by Dalzell, who demanded that if any ballots were opened in the district the entire vote should be recounted. These temporary writs and petitions are all dissolved by Judge Cohen's order of to-day.

It is stated positively that Dr. Black will now run independently against Mr. Dalzell in this district. Dr. Black has already been indorsed by the Prohibitionists.

ARIZONA CONVENTION CALL

Expected at Once—Hoval A. Smith Reported Candidate for Senator.

Phœnix, Ariz., June 24.—Immediately following the arrival here to-morrow of Governor Sloan it is said that a call for the Arizona constitutional convention will be published. The election will be held sixty days later and the convention will be convened ninety days after the returns are canvassed.

Messages from Globe state that Hoval A. Smith, chairman of the Republican Territorial Central Committee, has resigned to become a candidate for Senator from the new state. Friends of Smith here say that he has resigned, but deny that he has Senatorial aspirations.

H. HAMMERSTEIN BANKRUPT

Liabilities Given as $19,452, with Assets of Only $247.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Philadelphia, June 24.—Harry Hammerstein, a son of the former impresario, filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition here to-day in the United States District Court. His liabilities are given as $19,452 68 and his assets as $247.

Civil suits for taxicab hire and household and personal accounts, aggregating $1,800, have been brought against Hammerstein in the Delaware County courts at Media. The Quaker City Cab Company has instituted action to recover $1,117 10 and interest for the use of its taxicabs, automobiles and carriages. Several judgments have also been found against him.

ACCUSED OF STOCK SWINDLE

Alleged Brother of Hindu "Yogi" Charged with Grand Larceny.

Edmond R. Cook, who is said to be a brother of Samri Ellis, the Hindu "yogi," now held in the Tombs in connection with the death of his young assistant, Paul Hamburger, was held for examination in the Centre street court yesterday on a charge of grand larceny.

Cook was arrested on the complaint of Charles H. Poppe, of No. 122 Clark street, Jersey City. Poppe said that he met Cook and Ellis at No. 7 West 45th street, adjoining the home of Ellis, on May 10. The two men, said Poppe, offered him stock of a concern named the Blue Ridge Mining Company, saying that it was of great value. Poppe said that he gave them altogether $1,500 and received four stock certificates signed "Charles F. Balwanz, president." He said he was told that Cook was treasurer of the concern. Poppe in an affidavit alleges that the mining company is a myth.

Cook was arrested in the Coroners' office, where he expected to attend the inquest into the death of Hamburger. In the District Attorney's office are filed a large number of complaints from persons who assert they paid several thousand dollars for stock in the company. Cook will be arraigned for a hearing on July 1.

ASSAIL CHURCH AT DINNER

Vestry's Action in Barring Mr. Irvine Condemned.

EVEN RECTOR REGRETS IT

Ascension Didn't Like Being Called Socialist Congregation, Says Mr. Grant.

The Church of the Ascension was the centre of attack last night at the dinner for the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, its rector, and Alexander Irvine, the socialist, at the Hotel St. Denis. So far as Mr. Irvine was concerned it was somewhat in the nature of a farewell dinner, for the vestry of the church has refused to renew the arrangement under which Mr. Irvine, as lay reader, expounded his theories of social reform to large congregations in the chapel on Sunday evenings. As Mr. Grant expressed it to the twenty-five diners present:

"The vestry has become shy of the public union of the church with the socialist movement."

This "shyness" was the theme for the address of a long list of speakers who preceded Mr. Grant, and the views expressed were, on the whole, far from complimentary. Many expressed the hope that the authorities of the church would reconsider their decision, and Mr. Grant himself expressed his "deep mortification and grief at this momentary separation" between himself and Mr. Irvine, for whom he entertained so much affection and such a high regard.

"If I were a socialist," said he, "next Sunday would be my last at the Church of the Ascension. But I feel that there is something to be said on the other side. Yet I can't help believing that a great mistake in principle and policy has been made in what we have done. I believe that the Church of the Ascension has on its vestry the finest body of men to be found in all the New York churches.

"The lines are being drawn more closely, however, between the avowed socialist and the individualist—more closely than ever before. The vestry as a body became nervous over the frequent mention in the newspapers of the Church of the Ascension as a socialist church. It is a great mistake to draw the lines as they are drawn to-day."

Lincoln Steffens was perhaps the most denunciatory of all the speakers in his attitude toward the Church. He said the State was corrupt because it had come to belong to only a part of the people, "to certain rich men."

"And the Church is just as corrupt as any state," he continued. "It also represents only a part of the people. And that is why every church in the United States has opposed every essential reform movement in this country."

He was for giving the church the go by, for which he was roundly rebuked by Mrs. Florence Kelly and upheld to some extent by the Rev. Dr. Eliot White, an Episcopal minister, who thought his term "disciplined ignorance," when applied to churches, a good one.

"I wonder," he began, "whether anybody here knows why Mr. Irvine is getting through? I don't know if there are other Episcopal clergymen present besides Mr. Grant and myself, but it concerns us deeply. The Church of the Ascension has had the opportunity of its lifetime in the last three years since Irvine started preaching here to learn something. If one, two or half a dozen men are queering this, are pulling out the spark plug, some one ought to take them a message from this gathering so they might know what they are doing, that it means that Mr. Grant and myself are not going to be free hereafter to speak our minds."

Other speakers were "Pat" Quinlan, so introduced, whose Celtic wit made a deep impression; W. S. Brady, a business man, who talked of "excommunication"; Bolton Hall, Oliver Hart Bronson, of Hope Chapel, and last but far from least, Alexander Irvine himself. Robert Bruère was toastmaster.

Miss Caroline Dexter was elected temporary chairman of a committee to organize permanently the Forum of the Church of the Ascension, as it is called.

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Welch, W. Va., June 24.—Congressman James A. Hughes, of Huntington, W. Va., was nominated for a sixth term to-day.

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