ELMIRA'S FINANCIAL CRASH.

NO SCHEDULE OF MAYOR ROBINSON'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company in Control of the Mayor's Enterprises—Some Powerful Political Influence at Work to Have the Right Man Appointed Receiver.

ELMIRA, May 26.—Many rumors were floating about to-day concerning the failure of the Elmira National Bank and the assignment of Mayor David C. Robinson. One was that the Mayor had fled, making his way up a back street alone, while his coachman drove to the depot with two steamer trunks. Another was that warrants were to be sworn out for the bank officers, and that an attempt was to be made on the life of M. H. Arnot, who has been Robinson's political opponent, and is, therefore, accused by some senseless persons of accomplishing Robinson's financial downfall. These and many more idle stories have filled the air, none of them with foundation.

The Municipal Improvement Company, the syndicate which Col. Robinson formed and which was the cause of his downfall, is now in the hands of Reuben Leland, President, and George E. Spencer, secretary, of New York city. They are here and at work, trying to straighten out matters. It is understood that Mr. Leland takes charge of the Improvement Company in behalf of the Insurance Company, which now virtually owns it, and it is said it is the intention of the latter to operate the various properties and keep them in good shape. Mr. Leland, in an interview to-day, corroborated this statement and said that the company would make any improvements it saw necessary and put the business of the syndicate on a sound, practical basis. The Mutual thus has two classes of investments here, both very large, viz.: First, the Municipal Improvement Company, controlling the gas and the electric light plants, the water works, street car system, and Inter-State Fair grounds; and, second, the mortgages on Col. Robinson's real estate, which cover the Hathaburn House, Opera House, and many public blocks for nearly, if not quite, their full market value. A number of mechanics' liens were filed to-day against the first mentioned class of properties. A portion of these, too, have first mortgages standing against them, given for the original purchase, as, for instance, the water works, which are mortgaged to the Diven family, from whom the purchase was made originally for same $425,000. Thus the whole affair from beginning to end is one interminable snarl, and it is doubtful if even the insurance company knows just where it stands, and, least of all, where it will come out.

A receiver has not yet been appointed for the wrecked bank. Just what causes the delay is not made public. It is said one has not been agreed upon. Quite an effort was made to come to some understanding that would avert this step. The bank officials were urged by some of their friends to get together and take means to avert it, as it was feared a receiver would certainly have to take cognizance of Col. Robinson's big overdraft of over $114,000, and, if it was not satisfactorily explained, somebody would of necessity be looking for bail to appear and answer a criminal charge. However, it is now certain that a receiver will be appointed, and some powerful political influence is at work to have the Comptroller appoint just the right man.

In the mean time depositors are waiting not very patiently. They have received no statement as to how affairs stand, except that several in the Robinson assignment, which showed that he owed the bank $258,000, when all thought the amount was about $50,000. Many business men have their money tied up. Several concerns are struggling to keep on their feet, and the effect is plainly noticeable on the whole business interests of the city.

The run on the savings bank which was connected with the National came to an end to-day, and some depositors who drew their money out are already returning it. This branch of the business was not mixed up with Mr. Robinson in any way.

Col. D. C. Robinson was in consultation with the officials of the Mutual Life Insurance Company on Thursday afternoon. He declined to see newspaper reporters. General Manager Gillette said that some of the reports about Mr. Robinson's indebtedness to the Mutual Life were greatly exaggerated. The company, he said, had been loaning money to Col. Robinson for the past three years. The loans aggregated about $750,000, and the blanket mortgage lately given by Mr. Robinson to the company was to cover this sum. No further loans had been made by the Mutual Life to Mr. Robinson. The bonds of the Elmira Improvement Company held by the Mutual Life were received from the Mayor as collateral for money advanced. Mr. Gillette declined to give the value of these bonds, but said they were good security. He considered that the Mutual Life was fully protected from loss by the blanket mortgage.

It was learned this evening that Chas. Davis of Binghamton had been appointed receiver of the Elmira National Bank, and will assume charge as soon as his bond is filed and approved.

ARDSLEY SOLD AT AUCTION.

Drexel, Morgan & Co. Buy It at the Foreclosure Sale—A Receiver for the Company.

Justice Andrews of the Supreme Court has appointed John Van Glahn receiver of the Ardsley Land and Improvement Company in consent in an action brought by Herbert L. Bridgman, a stockholder, for an accounting, and to set aside transfers of stock.

The company was organized April 24, 1892, with an authorized capital of $500,000, and power to buy and sell land. Cyrus W. Field sold to Lawyer Charles Henry Butler 671 acres at Ardsley, Westchester county, and Butler sold it to Drexel, Morgan & Co. The company purchased the tract for $500,000 from Drexel, Morgan & Co., paying but a small amount and giving a mortgage for the rest.

Mr. Bridgman, who has twenty shares of stock, says that although Butler was not an officer of the company, and had, if anything, but a small holding of stock, he had directed the affairs of the company and put in directors who were "his automata." The directors are William E. Strong, Charles T. Barney, William T. Eldridge, Frank K. Sturgis, F. Rollins, J. Murray Forbes, and George G. Haven.

Bridgman says that Butler designated all the directors and that they received and disbursed all moneys under his direction. He declares that none of the directors paid anything for his stock. Under Butler's direction, he says, they put liens upon the property. Ten per cent., he says, was paid up on 30,000 shares of stock, and the directors issued 20,000 more shares without consideration. Bridgman says he got his information about the company while acting as Chairman of a committee of investigation. The other members were John Von Gerichten and Frank S. Edminster. Bridgman is suing in part to have the 20,000 shares issued without consideration cancelled. In consenting to the appointment of a receiver, the defendants say they do not admit any of the allegations of Bridgman.

J. Pierpont Morgan, J. Hood Wright, and George F. Bowdoin have a judgment in foreclosure for a sale of the property on liens of $487,047.08. Under this judgment the property, except seventy-seven lots already disposed of, was sold at auction yesterday, and was bought by Drexel, Morgan & Co. for $400,000.

LOCAL BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Attachments Against Missing John A. Taylor—Newell's Notes.

Michael Tully and Dennis O'Connell (Tully & O'Connell), contractors for excavations and cellars at Second avenue and Ninety-eighth street, made an assignment yesterday to Thomas Regan.

The Sheriff has received two attachments against John A. Taylor, book publisher, of 12 Rose street, and at Toronto, who has been reported missing for the past two weeks. One is for $3,860, in favor of Tillotson & Son, for a balance due on the sale of various literary works, and the other for $1,151 in favor of Reuben Freeman. Mr. Taylor has been in business several years at Toronto under the style of the National Publishing Company, and opened a branch in this city about two years ago, but resided in Toronto.

John J. Gahde of this city has entered judgments for $29,300 in Oneida county against his brother, J. H. Gahde, dealer in dry goods at Utica, with a knitting mill at Canastota.

The assignment of Edward Newell, dealer in sewing machines at Buffalo, is of considerable interest in this city. He has been in business for thirty years, and has for a long time represented the Domestic Sewing Machine Company of this city. Blumenstiel & Hirsch attached all the assets of the Domestic Sewing Machine Company in his possession on Tuesday last in the suit of the Astor Place Bank, which held some of Newell's paper endorsed by the Domestic Sewing Machine Company. Other banks are also said to hold considerable of it.

Commodore Walker Will Probably Go to Boston.

BOSTON, May 26.—Capt. Thomas O. Selfridge, commandant of the Charlestown Navy Yard, who was to have been detached from duty at that yard on May 31, has had an extension of time, and will probably remain at his present post until the assignment of Commodore Walker, who, it is now believed, has been notified of his probable appointment as commandant of the yard.

Exposition Flyer of the New York Central—fastest and finest train ever built.—will make first trip May 28. Tickets now on sale.—Ads.

GREEK PLAY AT VASSAR.

Sophocles's "Antigone" Given with Marked Success to a Delighted Audience.

POUGHKEEPSIE, May 26.—Vassar's long-talked-of Greek play has been given, and it proved a complete success. The crowds of visitors from the leading colleges of the country were delighted beyond expectation by the dramatic talent, the proficiency in Greek, the faithful representation of the Grecian drama, and the beauty of Sophocles's "Antigone" as given by the Greek students of Vassar College. The committee of the American School of Athens were among the guests entertained by the college. Miss Bartlett as *King Creon* and Miss Slade as *Antigone* were loaded with honors. The stage presented the same scene throughout as the classical drama followed strictly the three unities of place, time and action. On the rear were the iron portals and marble steps of the King's palace in Thebes; on either side marble columns. The chorus, the Parliament of Thebes, early entered on the stage and remained throughout. In the Grecian drama the chorus portrays the emotions which should affect the audience. No high tragedies are enacted, but are related by a messenger.

The chorus and cast, by their acting, showed the perfect training they have received from Mr. Sharpe of the Lyceum School of Dramatic Art. Herr Dessauer of New Haven drilled the chorus in singing. They were led by Miss Alice A. Berry, teacher of Latin, and accompanied by a portion of Seidl's orchestra. The costumes, as well as the stage settings, represented exactly the costumes of the Greeks. *Creon* was in red and the royal yellow, *Antigone* in black and silver, *Osmene* in lavender and silver, and the Queen in white and gold. The rich colors and Grecian borders and the graceful drapery reaching to the ankles made the stage a beautiful picture. The main characters were:

Creon, King	Emeline Bartlett, '94
Antigone	Helen Slade, '94
Osmene	Ann Van Syckel, '93
Hemon	Blanche Prestbrey, '93
Eurydice	Margaret McCauley, '94
Teiresias	Grace Conley, '94
Guard	Mildred Mathes, '93
First Messenger	Frances Joliffe, '93
Second Messenger	Geneva Tryon, '96

Three Greek plays have heretofore been given in the country in the original Greek—one by Harvard College in Smith, and one by the University of Pennsylvania; but none was in every respect so true a representation of the Greek drama. Not only has the play proved a most practical course in the Greek language and customs to the actors, but it gave to every man and woman in the audience a clearer and more vivid idea of Grecian life and drama than they ever possessed before. However much honor is given to the actors, and it cannot be too much, still more is due to Miss Leach, professor of the Greek department, who has so ably planned and managed the entire project.

AMUSEMENTS.

"Carmen" with Two Prima Donnas.

The production of "Carmen" at the Grand Opera House last night scored another popular success for the Hinrich opera troupe, despite one big disappointment. This was the absence from the cast of Signor Campanari, who was to have personated the bull fighter, but who was unexpectedly called from the city, according to the statement of the management. His place was taken by Perry Averill, who sang the role in English and well enough to help achieve a merited encore for the finale of the torreador song. Signor Campanari's place left Payne Clark, as *Don José*, the chief figure among the male singers.

Mme. Kronold was a satisfactory *Carmen*, Mme. Tavary sang sweetly the music allotted to *Michaela*, and received two big bunches of flowers for her first duet with *Don José*, one bunch being thrown from an upper box by Attalie Claire. The latter was particularly well done last night, and helped to give éclat to all the finales, which were hailed with evident delight by the houseful of music lovers.

"Martha" will be sung this afternoon, and in the evening "The Bohemian Girl" will be heard a second time.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

For Exchange of Ideas About Educating Children and Improvement of Methods.

The inaugural meeting of the Parents' Association of America was held last night in the United Charities building, Fourth avenue and Twenty-second street.

The object of this society is to afford to parents opportunities for coöperation and consultation, so that the experience of each may be made profitable for all, and to assist parents to understand the best principles and methods of education, especially those which concern the formation of character and habits.

It will also be the aim of the association to collect and make known the best information regarding the early training of children, and to stimulate the enthusiasm of parents in that direction through the sympathy of numbers acting together.

At the meeting last night Judge Cowing presided, and brief addresses were made. The following were chosen trustees, and will elect the officers of the association:

George Ticknor Curtis, Frederick F. Thompson, Dr. William Tod Helmuth, the Rev. Edward A. Bradley, C. Loring Brace, Prof. S. S. Packard, Daniel Greenleaf Thompson, Dr. Ray Sawyer, the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Dr. Henry M. Leipziger