EIGHT VOTES FOR FAURE.

RECOMMENDED AS SCHOOL TRUSTEE OF THE NINTH WARD.

Commissioner Van Arsdale Alone in His Opposition to the Nomination of the Committee of Seventy's Secretary.

There was a hearing late yesterday afternoon before the Committee on Nominations of Trustees of the Board of Education in the case of John P. Faure, member of the Board of School Trustees of the Ninth ward, against whom charges had been brought by Commissioner William J. Van Arsdale at a previous executive session of the Board of Education, when Faure was proposed for renomination.

As Faure had not been present when the charges were made, they were recapitulated yesterday by Mr. Van Arsdale, at the suggestion of Chairman Guggenheimer. First, it was charged that Faure did not pay, and had never paid sufficient attention to his duties as trustee, that he was of no value in the Board, and that he was known as an obstructionist; second, that he had, upon one occasion when Van Arsdale was a nominee for trustee in the Ninth Ward, gone to Van Arsdale and suggested that he withdraw in his (Faure's) favor, which Van Arsdale did not think was honorable; third, that he had not visited the schools in the ward with sufficient regularity; fourth, that he had once told a carpenter who had been employed to do some work on one of the schoolhouses, and whose full bill the Board of Education did not allow, that he, the carpenter, could make up the difference on a future bill, and, fifth, that Faure had once declined to attend a school entertainment because no programme had been sent to him beforehand.

"In conclusion," said Mr. Van Arsdale with a triumphant smile, "I charge that Mr. Faure is utterly unfit for any and all of the duties he was appointed to perform, and for which he is seeking reappointment. He has never shown that he had an original idea in his head; most certainly he has never let it out. So far as the question of honor is concerned, he doesn't know what honor is. The object of the man's ambition is to figure in the newspapers, and to soar above us in matters not connected with education."

"Is that all?" asked Chairman Guggenheimer, when Mr. Van Arsdale sat down.

"That's enough for the present," answered Mr. Van Arsdale.

Then Mr. Faure was heard in his own defence. He began by saying that he had been Secretary of St. John's Guild for seventeen years and permanent Secretary of the Committee of Seventy since Sept. 19. He denied, or explained, each and every of Mr. Van Arsdale's accusations. He had been appointed a trustee in the Ninth ward in November, 1888, to fill an unexpired term of one year and thirteen days. Afterward he had been appointed to serve a full term of five years. He had always performed his duties to the best of his ability, giving up most of his leisure time to the work. He explained the carpenter's bill by saying that the work had been contracted for before it was brought to the attention of the Board of Education, and that he had offered to pay $15, the amount of the discrepancy, out of his own pocket, if it could not be arranged for otherwise. The reason he did not appear on the records as being a frequent visitor to the schools was because a resolution had been passed by the Board of Trustees of the Ninth ward declining to comply with a resolution of the Board of Education relative to a report of such visits being sent to the Board by the principals of the schools.

Finally he tried to show that Van Arsdale's opposition to his appointment was the result of animus. Van Arsdale and he, he said, had been engaged together in charitable work in the Ninth ward in 1873 and 1874, and he regarded Van Arsdale as a friend. Five years ago, after serving the unexpired term of one year and thirteen days in the Board of Trustees, he was attacked in a series of anonymous letters by ex-Trustee Tisdale, and he wanted the appointment to a full term as a vindication. For that reason he had asked Van Arsdale to withdraw in his favor.

The committee would admit no further testimony in the effort to show animus. Then Mr. Faure wanted it understood that the opposition of Van Arsdale was in no sense the result of his (Faure's) connection with the Committee of Seventy.

William C. Smith, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ninth ward, was called to testify in behalf of Faure. He corroborated all of the latter's statements, and said that he had performed every duty of a trustee faithfully, diligently, and honestly. The local trustees, he said, had unanimously recommended Faure's appointment.

While Mr. Smith was testifying, there was an animated discussion by the committee of the resolution passed by the Ninth ward trustees relating to the report of visits to the schools ordered by the Board of Education. Nobody could understand how the trustees dared to pass a resolution conflicting with the resolution of the Board of Education. When the case of Mr. Faure was taken up again, it was found that there was enough testimony in, so Commissioner O'Brien moved, and Commissioner Hubbell seconded the motion, that Mr. Faure be recommended to the Board of Education for reappointment. The vote was 8 to 1. Mr. Van Arsdale then told the reporters that he would fight the nomination harder than ever at the next meeting of the Board.

The other business before the committee was the reading of the resignation of George W. Skellen as trustee in the Sixteenth ward and the laying over of the matter of the reappointment of Henry Henschel as trustee in the Tenth ward until Monday to enable the federation of Good Government clubs to send in a nomination for the place.

WHERE IS MISS MERRITT?

Said to Have Imprisoned Her Sister and Now to Have Carried Off Her Money.

Miss Mary Merritt of Hasbrouck Heights, N. J., against whom the District Attorney at Hackensack has presented a bill of indictment for maltreating her sister, Mrs. Augusta Kimball, and falsely imprisoning her, left home yesterday, taking with her a bag of United States bonds, which she always carried with her, and a part of which, it is said, belongs to the sister she is indicted for maltreating. Miss Merritt was to be prosecuted also by Lawyer John H. Winans of 80 Broadway to recover the money of which Mrs. Kimball says she has been defrauded.

Miss Merritt is a daughter of George Merritt, once an Alderman of the Sixteenth ward of this city. She has lived for some time at Hasbrouck Heights with her widowed mother, now 82 years old. Mrs. Kimball is Miss Merritt's only sister, and until one year ago she lived with her husband at Ferrisburg, Vt. On Nov. 6, 1893, Mrs. Kimball came to this city to see her mother, in order to obtain her share of the snug fortune her father left. She was told by her brother Charles, whose office is at 10 Wall street, that her mother was living with their sister at Hasbrouck Heights, so she went out there to see her. Thereafter she was lost sight of. Her brother supposed she had returned to her home and her husband supposed she had deserted him. He died soon afterward. One week ago it was discovered, as is alleged, that Mrs. Kimball had been confined by her sister at her home, and had been maltreated. A man named Van Orden, who lived in the same house, is also accused of ill treating the woman. Neighbors say they have frequently heard screams in the house, but could never gain admission or discover the cause on account of the temper of Miss Merritt.

Mrs. Kimball finally escaped through a cellar window, and took refuge with a milkman named Jones. Jones at once informed Charles Merritt in this city. The proceedings against Miss Merritt in both civil and criminal actions resulted. Van Orden was indicted for assault and battery. Lawyer Winans said yesterday that every effort would be made to discover the whereabouts of Miss Merritt.

Arrest of a Well Known Check Swindler.

Robert Edwards, alias Col. Wilson, an expert check swindler, for whom the police have been looking for two years, was held for trial in the Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday. He went into the house of Lawyer Charles B. Read in West Fifteenth street on Monday and told Mrs. Read that he owed her husband $32. He tendered her a bogus check for $35, and she gave him $3 in change. Detectives Murphy and Meehan of the Central Office saw Edwards coming out of the house, and, recognizing him, arrested him.

Edwards was a partner for two years of Gen. Harrison, the notorious bogus check passer and thief, who is serving a ten-year sentence. In court, Major McCann of the Lincoln Hotel; Austin, Nichols & Co., grocers, and numerous other persons testified that Edwards had swindled them.

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PRETENDED TO BE BANK AGENTS.

An Old Woman Robbed of Money Drawn from the Emigrant Savings Bank.

Mary Janes, an aged woman who lives on the first floor of the tenement in the rear at 244 West Tenth street, was robbed of $73 of her hard earned savings yesterday morning. Recently she drew $50 from the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank in order that she might have a sufficient sum on hand to pay her rent through the winter. This money, together with a $20 gold piece, $3 in change, and her bank book, she kept in a bureau drawer in her bedroom. Between 11 and 12 o'clock yesterday morning two men whom she had never seen before called on her and said they were representatives of the bank.

"Do you know," said one of them, "that the Chambers street bank is about to close up?" Miss Janes said she had heard nothing about it.

"Well, that's what is going to happen," said the stranger, "and we come to look over your book and pay you your interest."

The old woman became excited, but when the man who did the talking pulled back his coat and displayed a badge, she was satisfied that they were all right. She went to the sleeping room and got her bank book, throwing the $73 on the bed. The stranger took the book, and sitting down at the table began to do a lot of figuring.

"By the way," said his companion, "I was instructed to look into the sanitary arrangements of this house. I guess I will begin with your bedroom."

Miss Janes was so absorbed in watching the alleged bank representative pretend to figure out her interest that she scarcely heard what his companion said. By the time he had made his tour of inspection the accountant announced that there was $20 due Miss Janes for interest. They walked out into the alley together, and here the other man gave the old woman a $20 bill.

"Hold on!" said the interest computer a moment later. "I can't let you have that money until we finish up with another depositor, who lives in the next block."

Miss Janes readily gave back the $20 bill, and, telling her to wait where she was, they went away, promising to return in five minutes.

The old woman waited for more than an hour. Then she went back into the house and discovered that the $73 which she had left on the bed was gone. Nearly frantic, she rushed bareheaded through the rain to the Chambers street station to report the theft. She said that one of the men was tall and stout, with dark hair and a heavy moustache. The other was shorter and had a stubby growth of beard on his face. Both, she said, were well dressed.

Willie Smith, the ten-year-old son of Mrs. Robert Smith, the housekeeper, said the same men were at the house last Saturday afternoon inquiring for Miss Janes. The old woman was not at home at the time, and they said they would call again on Tuesday. They also spoke to Miss Gallway, cashier of Quinn's grocery, at Hudson and Tenth streets, about the matter, and asked her to tell Miss Janes to be home on Tuesday morning, when they would call on her.

LOCAL BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Schedules of the Stock Brokerage Firm of Caldwell & Bunker.

The Sheriff received yesterday an execution for $63,281 against John A. Tucker, cordage manufacturer of 98 Pine street, in favor of the Leather Manufacturers' National Bank for balance due on money lent prior to 1888 to Tucker, Carter & Co., or to Mr. Tucker as surviving member of that firm. The firm was succeeded several years ago by the Tucker & Carter Cordage Company, of which Mr. Tucker has been the President.

The schedules of Caldwell & Bunker, stock brokers of 18 New street, show liabilities of $300,278, of which $243,462 are absolutely secured, it is said, by mortgages, liens, &c.; nominal assets, $353,042, of which $63,896 is uncollectible and $243,462 is properly pledged to secure loans, leaving $45,682 actual assets subject to the control of the assignee. The assets include stocks, bonds, &c., pledged as collateral, $263,665, encumbered for $200,475, held by the Bank of America, Third National Bank, National City Bank, Brooklyn Trust Company, W. C. Sheldon & Co. and S. R. Preston. Some of the collateral has been sold and the proceeds applied on the loans; seat in the New York Stock Exchange, $20,000, encumbered for $18,250; cash, $3,897; balance due from C. C. Baldwin, $14,000; judgments against various persons and notes, $28,908. Among the creditors are Thomas V. Johnston, $9,456; Luther Elting, $7,237; Horatio N. Bain, $6,741; Hudson Taylor, $4,704, all of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Jos. R. Probasco, $10,000; Frederick Holton, $6,091. W. H. Bunker has individual liabilities, $12,844, no assets, and Charles B. Caldwell individual liabilities, $10,300, no assets.

The Sheriff received an execution of $8,074 against Abraham J. Dayton of 202 West End avenue, in favor of Nathaniel G. Ingraham, on a note. A deficiency judgment was also entered against Mr. Dayton for $1,242, in favor of S. M. Milliken, as guardian of Emma L. and Sarah C. Gibbs.

KATE SPRECKER INSANE.

She Killed the Lover Who Abandoned Her—Mad Since Her Baby Died.

One of the persons recently sent to the insane asylum at Flatbush is Kate Sprecker, who about two years ago shot and killed Alexander Kirschner. Mrs. Sprecker abandoned her husband for Kirschner, who, after living with her for several months, cast her off, penniless and in a delicate condition. She sought an interview with Kirschner, who met her on the street at Atlantic avenue, near Carlton avenue, Brooklyn. He ordered her to leave him. She drew a revolver and shot him dead.

During her incarceration in the Raymond street jail her baby was born. The circumstances of the murder created widespread sympathy for her, and, although she was convicted of manslaughter, she was never sentenced. Her baby died recently, and then she became mentally unbalanced. She is probably incurably insane.

Burglar Facey's Sentence Commuted.

AUBURN, Dec. 12.—William Facey, a New York burglar, aged 21, was released from prison to-day on a special commutation by Gov. Flower. Facey was sentenced to Elmira Reformatory in November, 1891, and was transferred here early last year. He is the man prominently mentioned in Gov. Flower's opinion concerning the Reformatory investigation. He said: "Mr. Brockway did wrong, in my judgment, in flogging the convict, Facey, for refusing to give evidence concerning an offence in which it was believed at the time he was himself implicated." In summing up the case the Governor said:

"It does not appear from the evidence that the General Superintendent went beyond what the functions required, either in the frequency or the severity of the stinkings, except in the case of Facey."

Facey was sentenced to the maximum term of five years at the Reformatory, and was transferred because of his incorrigibility. He had about one more year to serve.

Ex-Assemblyman Ulrich Insane.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 12.—John Ulrich, who for several terms was the City Judge of Plainfield and an Assemblyman from Union county, was committed last night to the State Insane Asylum, Trenton. He lost his reason, it is said, through brooding over political disappointments and financial reverses. He had been a State organizer of Republican clubs, the editor of the *Royal Craftsman*, and a prominent lawyer, politician, and secret order official.

Arrested the Wrong Man.

TOMBSTONE, Ari., Dec. 12.—The man suspected of being the alleged insurance swindler, Hillman, has been released. Hillman's relatives failed to identify him, and his real name is said to be L. R. Herndon.

Court Calendars This Day.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Nos. 70, 60. CHAMBERS.—Motion calendar called at 11 A. M. SPECIAL TERM.—Part I.—Case unfinished. Law and fact, 2304, 1477, 1509, 996, 1647, 1455, 2468, 1344, 2567, 2502, 1654, 1602, 2206, 2489, 1459a, 1664, 2411. Part II.—Case unfinished. Contested railroad cases. Part III.—Clear. Cases from Part I.

CIRCUIT COURT—Part III.—Case unfinished. Nos. 1968, 1974, 1975, 2035, 2038, 2276, 2291, 2347, 2278, 2310, 2078, 2419, 2600, 2315, 2028, 2358. Part I.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part III. Part II.—Adjourned sine die. Part IV.—Clear. Cases from Part III.

SURROGATE'S COURT—TRIAL TERM.—Wills of Sarah A. Day, James Kelly at 10:30 A. M. CHAMBERS.—Estate of Mary Havermeyer at 10:30 A. M. Will of Mary E. Barbineau at 2 P. M. For Probate—Wills of Sophie Pruvorst nee Lemaire, Eugene O'Brien, Charles Hartman, Mary E. Earle, Thomas C. McRae, Catharine Schmittger at 10:30 A. M. Louise White, Malvina Kettelitas, Clarence T. Goffe, Catharine Mooney, Rosa Stern at 10 A. M.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.—Clear, Nos. 18, 19. EQUITY TERM.—Case unfinished. Nos. 68, 85, 64, 56, 70, 51, 1, 15, 87. TRIAL TERM—Part I.—Case unfinished. Nos. 1294, 1295, 914, 1189, 1437, 1217, 1218, 2334, 1228, 1218, 1061, 2444, 1123, 1362, 1379, 1250, 2261, 1150, 1149, 2447, 2258, 2197, 2198, 1252, 974, 1245, 1062, 1121, 1054, 1147. Part II.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part I. Part III.—Adjourned until Monday, Dec. 17.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Adjourned for the term. SPECIAL TERM.—Clear. Nos. 527, 598, 561, 559, 621, 622, 623, 625, 626, 627. TRIAL TERM.—Part III.—Case on. Murphy agt. N. Y. El. Railroad Company. No day calendar. Parts I. and II.—Adjourned for the term.

CITY COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Motions. TRIAL TERM.—Part I.—Clear. Nos. 795, 641, 798, 815, 456, 852, 858, 853. Part II.—Clear. Nos. 751, 720, 599, 763, 1086, 2710, 2174, 93, 542, 848, 1067, 997, 1028, 2604, 726, 918, 914, 783, 124, 112, 142, 1027. Part III.—Clear. Nos. 2597, 452, 1000, 1019, 1024, 1025, 1574, 760, 781, 943, 950, 44, 59, 64, 779, 803, 87, 41, 357, 1021, 1044, 1043, 1443, 1041, 1003, 805, 1009, 1008. Part IV.—Clear. Short cause calendar. Nos. 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231,