STECKLER ON SUPREME BENCH

GOV. ODELL NAMES HIM TO SUCCEED JUSTICE M'ADAM.

Appointment is for a Year—It Has Been His Ambition for Twenty Years to Be a Supreme Court Justice—Served Twelve Years as a District Civil Justice.

Gov. Odell has appointed Alfred Steckler to be a Justice of the Supreme Court in place of the late Justice McAdam. Justice Steckler will serve under this appointment until Dec. 31, 1902, being then succeeded by a Justice to be elected next fall.

The announcement of the appointment was followed by a flood of congratulatory letters, telegrams and telephone messages to Mr. Steckler from lawyers, Justices of the court and politicians of every stripe. Among the messages of congratulation were a dozen from Tammany Hall district leaders.

For twenty years it has been Mr. Steckler's ambition to get on the Supreme Court bench, and his success just now is due in no small measure to the indefatigable efforts of his brother Charles, who has worked night and day in his behalf and who, according to rumor, almost landed him on the fusion county ticket last month. The Stecklers supported the fusion ticket as heads of the Manhattan Democracy.

The new Supreme Court Justice is still a young man, although he has an experience of twenty-five years of active law practise in the courts of this State. For many years he has been the legal adviser of a great class of East Siders, for whom he has done much good, both in his capacity as a private citizen, and as a district Justice. For twelve years he was Justice in the Fourth District Civil Court, and his work in behalf of the oppressed poor of the East Side won him the friendship and fidelity of these people.

Justice Steckler was born in this city on Dec. 18, 1856, and got his first education in the public schools. He was a successful debater and when merely a boy was chosen President of the Peter Cooper Literary Society; which was the debating society of Cooper Union; and President of the Hebrew Union. He was poor, and, in order to realize his ambition to be a lawyer, had to work hard by night to get the money for his instruction by day. He was graduated from the Columbia College law school in 1877, and since that time he has practised with his brother Charles in this city.

Justice Steckler gave much time to the study of local politics and economic conditions and came to be consulted regularly by leaders of fraternal and labor organizations. He has been counsel for more organizations of this character than any other one man in the city and has come to be regarded as an authority on the legal rights of such bodies. Early in his career he began pointing out the abuses practised in the district courts, where the poor were obliged to go for their justice. He routed many shysters and leeches that infested these places, and in 1881, although Tammany Hall, the County Democracy, Irving Hall and the Republican organization united in nominating a candidate to beat him, he was elected District Justice for twelve years.

As Justice he abolished the dispossess bureau, which was the terror of the poor tenant, for the landlord was compelled to pay extortionate fees for the dispossession of tenants, and if the tenant sought to prevent eviction he had to pay the rent with these extortionate fees added. Another reform in his district court was in the matter of drawing juries when defendants demanded jury trials. Justice Steckler had the boxes containing the jury lists brought into open court and the names drawn from it in the presence of the persons interested in the trial. After this the demand for jury trials was not so great. Out of thousands of cases that came before Judge Steckler jury trials were demanded in about a dozen only.

To stop the extortion practised by shysters Justice Steckler had placards posted in different languages at the entrance of his court informing all what the legal fees were. In 1886 when the district in which he presided was infested with disorderly houses, and all other means of ridding the honest people of such neighbors had failed, Justice Steckler dispossessed the disorderly tenants in a week. Among trade unions which he represents as counsel are the Musical Mutual Protective Union, the Bricklayers' Union, the Cigarmakers' Union, the Tailors' Union, the Brotherhood of Varnishers and the Steamfitters' Union. Among the charitable institutions with which Justice Steckler is connected are the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, the Isabella Heimath, the Montefiore Home, the Hebrew Sheltering Society, the Mount Sinai Hospital, and the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews. Justice Steckler is a Mason, and belongs to the Independent Order Free Sons of Israel, Independent Order B'nai B'rith, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In 1895 he ran for the Supreme Court as an independent candidate.

Justice Steckler lives in West Eighty-seventh street, this city, and has a summer home at Long Branch. His wife was a Miss Carrie Seligman of this city and he has a son 15 years of age. He was at Lakewood yesterday.

TOOK OVERDOSE OF LAUDANUM.

Death of Alfred C. Ginty of Syracuse, a Graduate of Yale.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Alfred C. Ginty of Syracuse, a Yale graduate, died last evening of laudanum poisoning, at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Dr. Towne, near Molineta Corners, north of Lockport. Dr. Towne found him in an unconscious condition at about midnight on Tuesday and worked over him, assisted by Dr. Wollaber, until Christmas morning in a vain effort to restore him. Coroner Mayne and Dr. McNamara were summoned from Lockport and yesterday afternoon revived for a few moments. He smiled a recognition upon the relatives about him and then passed into a sleep from which he never awoke. Ginty received about $40,000 by his father's will some years ago. It is said that he became addicted to drink and was sent to his aunt's in the country for a rest. The relatives say he took an overdose of laudanum, possibly by accident, to relieve pain. One of the doctors says he thinks he took the laudanum mistaking it for whiskey. Ginty had been depressed of late, and it is believed that he intended self-destruction. He was 40 years old and leaves a mother living in Syracuse and two uncles here. He had travelled extensively in Europe and said he was planning for a trip to Russia.

Jennie Juliet's Funeral.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning in the Church of the Transfiguration for the family of Mrs. Jane Cunningham Croly, founder of Rumsey and known all over the country as an organizer of women's clubs. The services were attended by many prominent women of this city, nearly all of whom had known Mrs. Croly personally. The Rev. Dr. Houghton, rector of the church, officiated. The coffin was covered with exquisite and floral emblems.

The mourning party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Croly and Mr. and Mrs. William Walter. The body was taken to Lakewood, N. J., for interment in the Hillside Cemetery.

Played Robber and Was Killed by a Girl.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—At Duck Hill, Miss., yesterday Mr. Francis Royal, a young married man, attempted to frighten the women folk by playing robber, but was killed by his fourteen-year-old niece, Beatrice Mills. The girl is almost crazed by the accident.

INDIANS KILLED IN A ROW.

Fight With a Posse Results in Two Deaths—Six Persons Wounded.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 26.—At Charenton in St. Mary parish Oliver Paul and Bill Paul, halfbreed Indians, were killed and three other Indians and three deputy sheriffs wounded in a Christmas fight yesterday between a posse and the Indians. The Indians belonged to the Tchetimaches, original owners of all southwest Louisiana. The tribe has been reduced to a very few, but still keep up their original Indian mode of living, with Paul, father of the two men killed, as chief. When the French arrived in Louisiana 200 years ago they found the Tchetimaches in possession of much of the country. The latter formed an alliance with the French and assisted them in their wars with the Natchez and other Indian tribes. In return for their assistance the Tchetimaches were confirmed in possession of their lands, which were to revert to the Government only when the last man of the tribe died.

This grant was confirmed by both the French and Spanish Governments, and the Tchetimaches, although greatly reduced in numbers, held the land. Part of it was sold to the whites several years ago. Chief Paul sued in the United States courts for its recovery a short time ago, but the suit was decided against him. Since then the Indians have been sullen and unfriendly to the whites. This feeling is largely responsible for yesterday's riot, with the result that nearly the entire Tchetimaches tribe is dead, wounded or in jail.

VIRTUOUS ROULETTE WHEELS.

Appellate Division More Distrustful of Them Than Justice Stiner.

A judgment of Municipal Court Justice Stiner directing Property Clerk Andrew J. Lalor to restore to Robert Oppenheim two roulette wheels and tables seized in a raid on 109 West Thirty-first street on Feb. 26 last has been reversed by the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court, which orders a new trial.

Oppenheim asserted that he deals in furniture and bric-à-brac and that he stored the roulette outfits in a closet on the third floor of the premises and locked it. Learning of the raid he found that his outfits had been seized, but he contended that they were not the outfits used on the first floor of the premises for gambling, but must have been taken by the raiders from the closet. Two men were arrested in the raid on evidence that they played roulette on the first floor.

The Appellate Term finds that the story of Oppenheim is "borne down almost to breaking by its own improbability." It says there can be no serious doubt but that the roulette paraphernalia seized in use at gambling belonged to Oppenheim and that the possession of them by those engaged in gambling with them gave authority for their seizure to await the trial of the men arrested.

VETO TUNNEL CHANGE.

Some of the Aldermen Say It's a Long Island Railroad Freight Scheme.

The Aldermen refused yesterday to permit the Rapid Transit Commission to change the route of the tunnel by an extension from 140th street to the Harlem River and a branch to 148th street with a station. When the application was made first, Alderman Kenny (Dem., Brooklyn), asked A. B. Boardman of the counsel to the Commission if the operator of the road could use it for the transportation of freight. Mr. Boardman said that he might, if he chose to.

Yesterday Mr. Kenny again opposed the resolution, saying that it was the plan of the contractor to use the new branch for the storage of freight cars. Alderman Bridges (Dem., Brooklyn), said that the application was made because the contractor intended to make a connection with the Long Island Railroad in Brooklyn and to carry freight from one end of the island of Manhattan to the other and thence to Brooklyn and all parts of Long Island.

The resolution approving the change was lost by a tie vote, and will come up for consideration again.

THIEF AT THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Stole Poor Boys' Shoes and a McKinley Memorial Box—Search for Him.

A Christmas tree loaded with suitable gifts for the poor children of the upper West Side was set up in Duryea Hall in West Seventy-ninth street on Christmas Day. Before the gifts were distributed forty pairs of shoes and a McKinley memorial box containing money were stolen. There were several hundred children present, and among them some pretty tough specimens. Their patroness, Mrs. E. S. Crawford of 134 West Seventy-ninth street, had Lawrence Riding of 522 West Fifty-third street arrested on suspicion of knowing who took the memorial box. Magistrate Zeller paroled the boy yesterday in Mrs. Crawford's custody. If he doesn't point out the offenders he'll go to the Catholic Protectory.

THREE MONTHS FOR WIFE ABUSE.

"You're a Brute, a Common Brute," Magistrate Zeller Tells a Motorman.

In the West Side police court yesterday Magistrate Zeller sent Harry M. Seymour the Second avenue road motorman who attempted to throw his wife out of a fourth-story window on Christmas night, to the workhouse for three months.

"You get drunk every day for a week during Christmas time," said the Magistrate, "and spend the time in rumshops instead of with your wife, where you should be, and then you do this thing on Christmas Day itself. You are a brute, a common brute, and I pity your poor wife."

Seymour's wife was in court later in the day pleading for his release.

REAR-END SMASH ON ELEVATED.

Three Passengers Hurt on Fifth Avenue Line, Brooklyn.

A rear-end collision in which three passengers were hurt occurred on the Fifth avenue elevated at the Thirty-sixth street station, Brooklyn, at 6.30 o'clock yesterday morning. Just after a southbound train stopped at the platform another crashed into it. Both trains were loaded with laborers. There was a thick fog.

Chief Salyer of 218 Madison street, Michael Stevens of 20 First street and George Gregory of 641 Union street, were badly bruised and cut. An ambulance surgeon from the Norwegian Hospital fixed them up and they went home.

Rock Rolled Down the Mountain and Killed Him.

BEAR, Dec. 26.—As Michael Boyle was walking through the quarry of Fox & Conklin at the foot of the mountain at Rockland Lake yesterday a large rock broke loose from the top of the mountain and, rolling down, struck Boyle squarely on the head, crushing the skull and killing him instantly. Boyle leaves a wife and five small children, who were entirely dependent on him.

Wants $150,000 From George Crawford.

Deputy Sheriff Browne has received an attachment for $150,000 against George Crawford, a mining broker, who has an office in this city and lives at Stamford, in favor of Daniel S. Hurlburt for damages for alleged breach of contract growing out of the sale of the American Belle mine in Red Mountain, Col. The attachment was granted on the ground of non-residence and was served on two persons here.

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GO-AS-YOU-PLEASE TAX OFFICE

FINANCE DEPARTMENT BUREAU RECORDS KEPT ON THE FLOOR.

Chipp, the Tax Thief, Took In Money With One Hand and Cooked the Books With the Other—Coler Trying Col. Gilon for Permitting All This to Go On.

Some interesting information regarding the lax methods prevailing in the Bureau of Assessments and Arrears came out yesterday afternoon in a hearing before Comptroller Coler on his charges against Col. Edward Gilon, head of the bureau since 1894. The substance of the charges is neglect of duty in allowing Charles P. Chipp and others to have opportunities to steal the tax moneys and violation of duty in neglecting to publish promptly the notice of the confirmation of certain assessments.

The hearing was a public one and the Comptroller's office was crowded. The Comptroller sat as Judge and Assistant Corporation Counsel Farley was prosecutor. Col. Gilon sat at the other end of a table from the Comptroller.

His counsel, John C. Shaw, moved to strike out the specifications relating to the publication of assessment notices on the ground that it was the Comptroller's business to see to that. The violations alleged all occurred before Mr. Coler took office. The motion was overruled and then Justus Storrs, the chief clerk of the bureau, testified that sometimes a month had elapsed before the publication of notices. Mr. Shaw said that it had always been the custom to have the notices certified by the Board of Revision before publication. The Comptroller questioned this whereupon Mr. Shaw shouted excitedly:

"I'll show it, Coler."

"Kindly address me as 'Comptroller' hereafter, Mr. Shaw," said Mr. Coler.

Deputy Collector Slattery testified that he had found a very loose system of keeping records. "The official records," said he, "were allowed to lie all over the floor and tobacco juice was frequently squirted on them. When I asked Col. Gilon about it he said it was because he had no safe for them. I found a safe 10x10 feet that was being used simply to store blank books and I fired them out and put in the records."

"What was Col. Gilon doing?" asked Mr. Farley.

"I don't know," said Slattery, "and I've never been able to find out since."

Slattery said he never saw Col. Gilon look over the books. Asked if he had found evidence of defalcations he said: "I found that between Jan. 1, 1894, and Dec. 31, 1900, payments had been credited upon the tax rolls to the sum of over $30,000 which had no corresponding entries in the cash book indicating that money that never went to the city had been credited."

John Kelleher, who preceded Slattery as deputy, was asked if he had ever spoken to Col. Gilon about the loose system that prevailed. Kelleher said he had in April, 1896, and the Colonel had replied:

"It's well at times not to be so bright."

Kelleher said that he had frequently seen Chipp acting as interest clerk and doing his own posting. He complained about this to the Collector and the latter said: "I'll see Charlie and stop it."

Kelleher saw Chipp acting as cashier and interest clerk almost daily at the lunch hour and posting items that should have been posted by the recording clerk. The interest clerk and the cashier were supposed to work independently, and at the end of the day their figures should agree. Frequently Chipp acted in both capacities.

Mr. Kelleher said that in 1899 he told Col. Gilon that every time he went near the cash book Chipp was always following him around.

"I told him," said Kelleher, "that he ought to stop Chipp's posting. He said he would see Chipp about it. Mr. Chipp kept on doing the same thing, and then I stopped it myself."

W. J. McGinley, a clerk in the bureau, said he had frequently seen Chipp acting as cashier and interest clerk. The fact that he did it occasionally in Col. Gilon's presence had led to the impression in the bureau that it was by permission of Gilon. That was why he had not spoken of it.

Assistant Cashier Springstein testified that he had seen Chipp as many as fifty times working in the cashier's cage, taking cash even when he and the cashier were in the office.

"Why did you permit it?" asked Mr. Farley.

"Because he was doing it when I came there to work, and I thought he had a right to."

Col. Gilon's defence will be put in this afternoon.

JUMPED FROM SINKING CRAFT.

Three Men Leaped Into the Sea and Were Rescued by Life Lines.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Capt. Marrox of the tug Ivanhoe arrived here to-day with the crew of the barge Josephine, Capt. E. G. Brennaman, and Sailors Jonah Barnes and Albert Glenn aboard. They had a narrow escape from death Christmas morning. The Ivanhoe left Norfolk, Va., on Tuesday with the barges Senator Penrose and Josephine in tow. Yesterday morning at 6 o'clock Capt. Marrox noticed signals of distress flying from the Josephine and casting free from the Penrose, he went to the assistance of the rear barge. He found that she had sprung a leak and that she already had six feet of water in her hold.

There was a heavy sea and before the tug could get near her the Josephine began to sink. Capt. Brennaman and his sailors, despairing of being taken off, shouted to Capt. Marrox to throw out life lines and preservers, and leaped overboard. They managed to grasp the ropes after some trouble and were taken aboard the tug. The barge sank before the men were taken from the water.

Brig Harry Smith Is Safe.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Dec. 26.—Joseph Manta has been notified of the arrival of the brig Harry Smith at Fayal. The brig left the Azores more than seventy days ago for New Bedford, having on board nearly 4,000 barrels of sperm oil, the product of American whaling bottoms during the past season. The Smith was spoken by the steamer Peninsula some weeks ago, but was last seen her trying to reach Fayal. She had a disabled rudder and a scarcity of canvas. It is believed here that the gale of Dec. 5 sent the craft back on her track.

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EASY MONEY FROM JERSEY.

Detective Tells How a Slick Trio of Swindlers Fooled Small Newark Merchants.

Louis Hirsch of 77 Delancey street was held in the Centre street police court yesterday by Magistrate Meade to await requisition from New Jersey. He is charged with larceny by L. Rubin and Jacob McCluskey of 35 South Orange avenue, Newark, who also say that he had two accomplices, Rosie and Morris Rosenberg, who are now under arrest in Newark.

Detective Frank Virtue of Newark told Magistrate Meade of the doings of the three. He said that small merchants about his town were their usual victims. The woman would go to such merchants and offer to sell them a large quantity of diamonds, saying that her husband had just died and that she needed the money. The diamonds would be left for inspection. Then an appointment would be made, when they were either to be purchased or returned.

This was the game which, according to Detective Virtue, was played upon Rubin and McCluskey. The merchants conferred with Rosie Rosenberg on Dec. 11 last and were preparing to buy her diamonds for $1,475, seemingly a ridiculously low price. The money was spread upon a table, when, so Virtue told the Court, Hirsch and Morris Rosenberg burst into the place.

Hirsch, so the real detective alleged, said that he was a detective and placed the woman under arrest for selling the stolen diamonds. Then he seized the $1,475 "as evidence." He said that the merchants could recover their money on the following day in the police court. When Rubin and McCluskey went to the police court they found that they had been swindled.

YALE'S BENEFIT TO THE STATE.

Questions Asked of President Hadley in View of Probable Taxation.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 26.—President Hadley of Yale, in discussing the question of taxation of the university and the probability of a provision in the new State Constitution calling for such taxation, was asked this afternoon:

"Does Yale make any return to the city for the police and fire protection and various other benefits which Yale enjoys from the municipality?"

"Yes," Dr. Hadley replied. He declined to specify what return was made for those municipal benefits.

"Is Yale's income greater than her expenditures?"

"Approximately the same," was the President's answer.

It was said to-day that the Yale officials are confident that no effort will be made at the Constitutional Convention to tax Yale. A Yale official said to-night:

"A public purpose cannot be carried out for nothing. It can be paid for either by gifts or taxation. A State like Minnesota has nearly $500,000 in taxes yearly to support a university of less prominence than Yale. Connecticut has been fortunate to be relieved of this burden by gifts. She must be prepared in the long run to mete out of the public treasury more than she is likely to get in taxes."

PUNCHED SUPT. REARDON.

Punch Cost a Man With a Grudge Against the Anti-Policy Agent $5.

Supt. Edward J. Reardon of Capt. Goddard's Anti-Policy Society appeared yesterday in the Essex Market police court to prosecute, on a charge of assault, Abraham Stern of 25 Pike street. Reardon declared that when he was walking in Pike street on Wednesday Stern shouted, "there goes a sneak," and followed this up by punching Reardon in the jaw. Reardon grappled with him and turned him over to a policeman.

"This man has a grudge against me," said Reardon to Magistrate Hogan, "because I raided a policy shop in Forsyth street."

Stern said that he was a perfect stranger to Reardon, who had been assaulted by a crowd of roughs. He (Stern) asked them to desist, and Reardon then caused his arrest. Witnesses appeared to corroborate both men, but the Magistrate sustained Reardon, fining Stern $5 on a charge of disorderly conduct.

FIRE SENT WORKMEN FLYING.

Fierce Blaze and a Rescue in a Brooklyn Cabinet Factory.

A blaze started in some shavings on the second floor of the cabinet factory of William Zepp, 1008 to 1014 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, yesterday morning, and spread so rapidly that Mr. Zepp, his two sons and the thirty-five employees had to flee for their lives.

William Zepp, Jr., ran back to the second floor to rescue some valuable patterns. He appeared at a front window on the second floor so dazed that he could not get out on the ladder. Policeman "Nick" Callan of the Grand avenue station climbed up and assisted him down. The stock, which is a very valuable one, was damaged $40,000 worth and the loss on the building was $10,000. The fine carved stairway worth $8,000, intended for the residence of C. W. Seamans at 789 St. Mark's avenue, was wrecked.

WINDOW SMASHERS MAKE A HAUL.

Break Plate Glass and Make Off With Display Jewelry.

A large plate glass show window in the dry goods store of A. D. Matthews & Sons in Fulton street, Brooklyn, was smashed with a cobblestone shortly after midnight Wednesday and a quantity of jewelry which was on display was stolen. The jewelry trays were found in the gutter. The watchman, who was in another part of the building, says he heard the crash and was at the broken window three minutes after it was smashed. He says the thieves had then escaped. Mr. Gardner Matthews of the firm said the smashed plate glass window was worth more than the jewelry stolen.

DIES OF UMBRELLA STAB.

Man Who Tried to Search Italian Was Jabbed Through the Head.

Anthony Ledanz, who was stabbed in the forehead with an umbrella on Wednesday, died yesterday morning in St. James Hospital, Newark. He encountered a young Italian of taking a dollar out of his pocket and tried to search him. The Italian beat Ledanz over the head with the umbrella and then stabbed him through the forehead. The Italian and a companion escaped without identification.

Masks for a Burglar Who Will Return [illegible].

Burglars evidently employed to broke into the hardware store at 18 Chelsea street, Brooklyn, on Sunday night, carried off $10 in small change and left $10 in bills in the same drawer. The proprietors believe that the thieves took their cut. Four, who had been a faithful attaché of the shop for nine years, and yesterday they inserted an advertisement in a Brooklyn paper, notifying the burglars that if they will bring back what they may have the $10 they will be taken.

Exhibition of F. A. Abbey's Holy Grail Paintings.

Edwin A. Abbey's series of paintings illustrative of "The Quest of the Holy Grail," will be on exhibition at the American Art Galleries six more days, including Sunday, and New Year's Day being the last day. The galleries will be open from 9 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock in the evening except on Sunday when they will be open only between 2 and 5.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

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JOHN FOX, JR., GOING TO FIGHT

RESISTS MOTHER'S WILL; THREATENS FATHER'S LAWYER.

Says His Dying Mother Continually Called for Him, but He Was Purposely Kept Away From Her Deathbed—Her Will Calls Him Erring and Misguided.

John Fox, Jr., son of John Fox, President of the Democratic Club, made it warm yesterday before Probate Clerk Washburn in the offices of the Surrogate's Court, whither he went with his wife to see the filing by his counsel, Douglas A. Levien, of objections to the probate of the will of his mother Ellen Fox. His mother had left her estate to her husband, and said:

"I do not mention my erring and misguided son, but I know that his father will treat him not only justly but mercifully."

John Fox, Jr., is the only child. His objections to the probate of the will having been filed and the case put on the calendar for a hearing of the contest, young Fox turned to Lawyer James Flynn, counsel for his father, saying:

"Here, Flynn, if ever you give out any more statements derogatory to either my wife or myself I shall knock your head off."

"What statements do you refer to?" inquired the lawyer.

"You know; statements about my wife and myself," said young Fox, moving forward.

"I made no statements," returned the lawyer.

"You lie," said Fox, "and if I cannot get redress by law I will take the law into my own hands."

"I should like to see you lay your hands on me even if your are John Fox's son," said the lawyer, striking a defiant attitude.

Young Fox was led away by his wife and his counsel. His counsel is his brother-in-law, Fox having married a daughter of the late Douglas Levien. Statements have been published to the effect that the marriage was distasteful to the parents of young Fox.

Fox's objections to the will run the whole gamut allowed by the statute. He avers that his mother's will was procured by undue influence and he made no bones of explaining afterward that he meant the undue influence of his father. He declares that his mother was mentally incompetent and he makes the formal objections that it is not her last will and was not duly executed. The father in presenting the will for probate put the value of the estate at $15,000. The son said that this is not a correct estimate. The young man gave out this statement:

I wish to state first and emphatically that the statements made in "some newspapers on Dec. 17 were absolutely untrue. After my marriage my wife and my mother were the very best of friends. My wife lived with my mother at her country place, Foxhurst, Baldwin's, L. I. My wife left there offended at the unkind and unmanly conduct of my father. My mother pleaded with her to remain, but my wife was justly angered and refused to do so, and left the house. From that day my father endeavored to prejudice my mother against my wife. My mother may possibly have made this will in a moment of pique, but I doubt it. If she did, she repented it before her death. She continually called for me a week preceding the sad event. I was purposely kept from her dying bedside. I shall contest the so-called will in justice to my mother's memory and to remove the stigma which has been so unjustly cast upon my own name. I was born in this city and have never been guilty of any act which my dear mother, or any one else, could take just exception to.

Another potent fact is that my mother did not ever mention my daughter Eleanor, her only grandchild, in this so-called will, a child for whom she entertained the deepest love and affection. This in itself proves the existence of undue and unchristian influences. As a matter of fact, there was an absolute agreement that, provided my wife had allowed Eleanor to live with my mother, she was to inherit all her grandmother's plate, jewels, laces and personal effects, the income from the sale of which my mother assured me would make her comfortable for life.

I also wish to state that the value of my mother's estate has been ridiculously understated, for what reason I do not know. However, I do know that her property was worth in the neighborhood of $200,000.

STILL AFTER DR. BERLENBACH.

Wife Goes to Court Again to Complain of His Treatment.

When Dr. Phillip H. Berlenbach of 9 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, was brought last Monday to the Ewen street police court on the complaint of his wife, who charged him with not providing for her and her two children, he expressed a desire to become reconciled to his family. He promised to take them to his fine home and support them. Magistrate O'Reilly thereupon dismissed the charge.

Mrs. Berlenbach appeared in court again yesterday and made another complaint against her husband.

"When we got home on Monday," she said, "he put me and my children into a cheerless room. There was a broken-down bedstead, two wooden chairs and a broken one. There was no table and our surroundings were most wretched. In this room we were compelled to stay. A servant brought us food, which we had to eat either from our laps or from the floor. We were unable to go into any other room in the house because they were all kept locked. Nobody spoke to us and my husband did not come near us.

"On Christmas a servant showed a small table, such as they used to play euchre on, into our room. A dog couldn't have been treated worse than we have been."

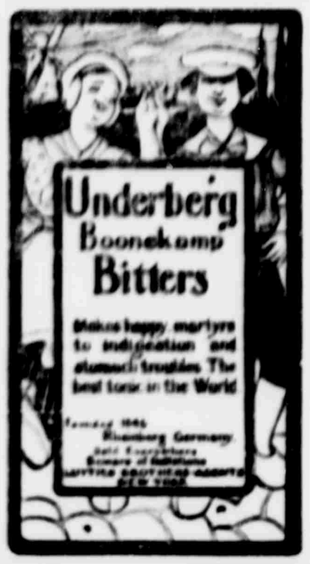
The Magistrate summoned Lawyer Bachrach, who appeared for Dr. Berlenbach when he was last in court.

"It is my belief," said the Magistrate to the lawyer, "that Dr. Berlenbach is anxious to get rid of his wife and he is seeking this matter of ill-treatment to accomplish his purpose. I want you to have this doctor here in court to-morrow morning. Something has got to be done so that this woman and her children get decent treatment."

Mr. Bachrach promised to have the doctor in court. According to his wife, the doctor's practice brings him from $3,000 to $12,000 a year.

Edward M. Shepard to Move.

Edward M. Shepard has bought the property at 16 Pierrepont street, Brooklyn, and will vacate his old home in Congress street as soon as the Pierrepont street house is put in shape.



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SPRING WEDDED TO AUTUMN.

W. L. Sloat, Aged 77, Takes Mary E. Vanderhoff, 23, to Be His Wife.

GOSHEN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—William L. Sloat, aged 77, and Mary Elizabeth Vanderhoff, aged 23, were married in this village just one week ago. This union of spring and autumn was kept a profound secret and has just leaked out by the filing of the marriage record with the Town Clerk. The groom is one of the wealthiest as well as one of the oldest residents of this county, and the bride, although in humble circumstances, is one of the most beautiful young woman in Orange county.

William L. Sloat was the son of Stephen Sloat and Catherine Ward, after whom Sloatsburg, in Rockland county, was named. William L. was born in the old ancestral home, built by his father back in the year that the Declaration of Independene was signed. He has lived in Sloatsburg ever since and was a prosperous merchant there when his bride was born twenty-three years ago. He has one child, a son, living in Paterson, who is much older than the old man's wife. The affairs which preceded the marriage and led up to it were the most strenuous of old William L. Sloat's existence, and by thus taking a helpmeet so late in life he has effectually outwitted the son, who endeavored to secure all of the father's money. The story of his attempt, made three years ago, created a great sensation at the time, but the old man's victory was never widely exploited.

Three years ago William L. Sloat was taken dangerously ill and carbuncles which appeared on the back of his neck so irritated his spinal cord that his brain was affected and his mind temporarily unhinged. While he was in this condition his son Fred came from his home in Paterson to see him. It did not appear that the old man would recover and Fred induced him to make a will by which he was to receive all of the old man's earthly possessions except a bequest of $2,000, which the old man, even in his disordered state of mind insisted on leaving for his little grandson—the only child of a deceased daughter. After the will had been duly made Fred drew up an agreement in which it was set forth that the will should never be revoked. The old man signed it.

Fred then moved his family from Paterson and took possession. The old man, instead of dying, got better, and when he was around again he did not like the treatment received from his son, and finally ordered the younger man to leave. Fred refused, and, producing the papers, defied his father. Mr. Sloat hastened to Goshen and conferred with his counsel, the Hon. Harrison W. Manny, with the result that an action was brought to regain possession of the will and nullify the agreement. The suit was tried in the Rockland county courts and hung fire until November of last year, when Mr. Manny won his case.

Fred Sloat was ordered to leave his father's premises and take his family with him, but he didn't go. His wife was taken seriously ill, and the old man waited patiently for her recovery. In April last he had the family ejected by the Sheriff of Rockland county. They went back to Paterson and the old man continued to live alone in the big house.

He had one friend and confidant, Mary Elizabeth, the charming daughter of Charles and Delia Vanderhoff. She sympathized with him in his troubles and counselled him when she could. When the aged suitor offered her his heart and hand not long ago it did not take her long to decide.

STOLE SAUSAGES AND CLOTHES.

Two Youthful Burglars and an Alleged Receiver Jailed for Small Haul.

Robert Sommerer of 201 Hudson street and Edward Dunn of 169 West Houston street, neither of whom is much over 20 years old, were held for trial on the charge of burglary in the Jefferson Market police court yesterday. Another charge of burglary and a charge of assault may be added later. Michael Reynolds, the bartender of a saloon at Downing and Bedford streets, was held on a charge of having received goods stolen by the other two prisoners.

According to the Charles street police, Sommerer and Dunn early yesterday morning forced open the rear door of Richard Ingalls's grocery at Barrow and Morton streets and forced the proprietor's pocketbook from him. They then entered a tailor shop in Carmine place and carried away a lot of clothing and six pairs of shoes.

Finally they forced their way into John Clancy's grocery at 200 Sheridan street, where they took quantities of sausages and other groceries to the value of $20.

Col. Anthon and His Wife Made Co-defendants.

Supreme Court Justice Maddox in Brooklyn granted a motion yesterday to permit that Col. Robert A. Anthon and his wife name to be defendants in the suit brought by John B. Lord as trustee in bankruptcy of the estate of William F. Miller against Henry A. Seymour, Frederick W. Johnson, David Weisner, Alfred Hayes, Johnson & Co. and William F. Miller for $[illegible] belonging to the defunct Franklin Syndicate. A motion to permit that Alfred E. and Edmund Goslin become codefendants was denied.

ALDERMEN BEGIN TO HUSTLE.

PUT THROUGH THE LONG ISLAND CITY CALVARY CEMETERY MAP.

One Man Protests That It Is a Gift to the Standard Oil Company—Huckleberry Macomb's Dam Bridge Franchise Held Up After a Quigg Rumor Got Abroad.

The Aldermen met yesterday in special session on a call signed by twenty-five members. One of the matters that was taken up was a franchise to the Union Railway Company to run trolley cars over Macomb's Dam bridge. This has been passed by the Council.

While the matter was being discussed a Republican politician was active in the Aldermanic chamber trying to influence votes. A report was spread that he was working in the interests of Lemuel E. Quigg and that Mr. Quigg wanted to have the franchise granted. This report made many of the members angry and the resolution was held up. It will be considered again to-day when the board will hold another special meeting.

The board adopted a resolution approving the new map of the first ward of the Borough of Queens, prepared by the topographical engineers of the Board of Public Improvements. The map has been adopted by the Council, and becomes now the official map of the borough. It provides for a practically new laying out of Long Island City, and one of the things that it will do will be to give to Calvary Cemetery the old Bradley avenue, which bisects the cemetery. The owners of the cemetery informed the city that if they could have this avenue they would present to the city a new avenue alongside the cemetery, built and paved at the expense of the cemetery, and wider than the present avenue.

Alderman Wirth (Rep., Brooklyn) opposed the map, saying that Bradley avenue had been a public thoroughfare for a century and that it should not be discontinued. He said that the city had paid $160,000 for the paving of Bradley avenue and that it would lose this money if the street were given to the cemetery. Mr. Wirth said also that the new plan would open a great deal of the water front that is now owned by the Standard Oil Company and that this company would find its land of much greater value, while it would pay nothing to the city for throwing it open to public use.

In spite of the efforts of Mr. Wirth and other members of the board the map was adopted by the Tammany and Brooklyn Democrats, all of whom voted for it.

BOROUGH PRESIDENTS TO MEET.

Brooklyn Building Department Employees Will Be Removed.

The Presidents-elect of the five boroughs are to have an important conference to-day at the law office of Mr. Swanstrom at 20 Nassau street, Manhattan. Among the matters to be discussed are plans for the organization of the different bureaus in accordance with the terms of the Charter, patronage and the protection of employees under the civil service rules. Mr. Rives, who is to be Corporation Counsel, has already notified the Presidents-elect that the civil service laws protect no employees in the Building Department, as reorganized under the Charter, and that any employee may be discharged if he is not a veteran.

Mr. Swanstrom said: "The men in the Building Department in Brooklyn will be removed and structures will be cut off."

HARDMAN MAKES A DISCOVERY.

Alleged Discovery Flat Foot Richards, Capt. Lemmer's Man, Didn't Know About.

Hardman, Mulkerin of the West Thirty-seventh street station was sent on Wednesday to investigate a charge of theft alleged to have been committed by Lizzie Moore in apartments on the second floor of 221 West Thirty-third street. On his arrival he decided that the place was disorderly and raided it. August Young, the Moore woman and two other women were arrested. In the West Side police court yesterday the latter women, Sadie Clark, alleged to be the proprietress of the flat, were held. The others were discharged.

City Schoolteacher Takes Horse a Ride.

William F. Fuller, who for six years has been a teacher in Public School 31, Broome and Sheriff streets, was arraigned yesterday in White Plains, Co. to M. Carrie Carlin, the daughter of the late John B. Carlin, a landed merchant of Hempstead. They will live in this city.

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