NIXON'S HANDS FULL OF FIGHTS

WILLIAM SOHMER JOINS THE G. N. Y. DEMOCRACY.

Hardly a District Without Its Turbulence —Nixon Visits Whalen's, and Lel an Orator Attacks Ramapo—Croker and Defeat Left a Rent Tammany.

Lewis Nixon is making a desperate effort to cultivate the friendship of the Tammany leaders and workers, in order that they shall not 'toss him overboard' at the primaries in September. Mr. Nixon thinks that if he can meet enough of the workers and their district leaders he may be able to convince them that he is the man to be the leader of the organization, and to do that he is travelling all over town every evening making speeches, shaking hands and patting people on the backs.

The other evening he went up to Washington Hall in the Twenty-third district, where ex-Police Inspector Thomas J. McAvoy holds down the leadership for ex-Corporation Counsel John Whalen. Mr. Nixon made one of his speeches calling on all the young men to join the organization and be good. The district has been all torn up with fights, and the Democrats are in the habit of speaking their minds at their meetings. Mr. Whalen was on the platform with Mr. Nixon, and applauded his speech. Mr. Whalen would have been nominated for the Supreme Court last fall had not Big Tim Sullivan and his friends protested. Mr. Whalen has been off on a vacation, and the men in the district had not seen him for a time, so they were prepared to give him a warm reception. After Mr. Nixon had made his usual speech Fred B. House got up to make an address, and in the course of it he treated the various causes that combined to bring about the defeat of Tammany. He mentioned the Ramapo Water Company.

"Why, there sits Ramapo Johnny now," shouted a man in the rear seat. The cry was taken up by several others, and Mr. Whalen blushed. Mr. House made a speech in which he said that the bad acts of a few members of the organization had done the harm last year and that the only safety for the organization lay in kicking the gambling element out at once and forever.

Mr. Nixon is going to visit every district in town. On Monday he will speak to the members of the Tammany Society at 7:30 o'clock and tell them that they must pay more attention to the affairs of the fraternal order than they have been doing. From there he will go to Col. Michael C. Murphy's Hickory Club at 184 Hudson street, where he will tell what true Democracy is. From the Hickory Club he will go to the Columbia Club of the Twelfth district, where City Clerk Scully will have a fine reception for him at the rooms, 464 Grand street. After addressing the followers of Mr. Scully Mr. Nixon will hop into his automobile and go to Maennerchor Hall at Fifty-seventh street and Third avenue, where he will make a talk to the members of the organization in Maurice F. Holahan's district.

Mr. Nixon has been looking over the field and has found out that there are going to be enough fights at the primaries to keep him pretty busy, even if he did not have to lay pipes to keep the leaders from throwing him overboard anyway, no matter how the primaries turn out. In the First, Battery Dan Finn is going for the scalp of Col. Michael C. Murphy, the present leader. In the Second Big Tom Foley will have to fight P. Divver, now an independent Democrat, and the Greater New York Democrats under Coroner Nicholas T. Brown, with Henry Campbell somewhere in the fight. In the Seventh ex-Leader Jimmie Boyle has joined the Greater New Yorkers and is going to try to knock out ex-Alderman P. J. Keahon.

Last week ex-County Clerk William Sohmer, who was elected in 1897 on the Tammany ticket, announced his intention of joining the Greater New York forces. John C. Sheehan, the leader of the organization, wanted to nominate Sohmer for Mayor in 1897, but Richard Croker said that "Germans were not to be trusted," and the plan fell through. Mr. Sohmer has been ill for some time and gave up the leadership of the Tenth district two years ago, being succeeded by Julius Harburger, who has the leadership now. Mr. Sohmer will be the Executive Committeeman from the district in the Greater New York organization.

Mr. Sheehan expects to make a fight at the primaries in his own district, the Ninth, and will try to defeat ex-Councilman Frank J. Goodwin, who beat him in 1900.

In the Thirteenth district John Kerrigan the Greater New York leader, is out for the place held by P. J. Dooling, and hopes to win Dennis Harrington and S. Stock, the rival leaders of the Greater New York Democracy of the Seventeenth, are going to patch up their differences and try to take the sash off Daniel F. McMahon, the chairman of the Tammany Executive Committee, who is the Tammany leader there.

In the Nineteenth there is to be a fight against John P. Sexton, the leader, from the inside of Tammany and from the outside. President Cantor and Superintendent of Buildings Stewart live there, and they are going to try to win the district away from Tammany. In the Twentieth there is always a fight against James P. Keating, and Thomas Duffy, who was trained by Charles Murphy, the Tammany leader of the Eighteenth, has the leadership of the Greater New York forces. H. S. Harris is leading the fight against Ex-Inspector McAvoy in the Twenty-third. In the Twenty-fourth Maurice Holahan, who has had great success in keeping his men in office under the new administration, will have to fight with Max Steinert inside Tammany and with Sheriff O'Brien, the leader of the Greater New Yorkers. Marvin Meyer says that he is going to win the Twenty-fifth Assembly district for the new organization away from the Fromme brothers. In the Twenty-sixth Willoughby Larry Dunnigan is after John F. Carroll's scalp, and so is Thomas Gheeran.

In the Thirty-first the Weiss-Meyer outfit will try to do up Isaac A. Hopper strictly within Tammany, while Frank J. Gaynor will fight all hands and Thomas F. Sutton will try to win the delegation for the Greater New York organization. In the Thirty-second William F. Schneider is the Greater New York organization man and he will try to beat J. J. Frawley, the Tammany leader. In the Thirty-fifth President Haffen of The Bronx will have to defend himself against Matthew P. Breen, of the Greater New York outfit, led by Reginald Rowan.

There will be other fights in other districts and many of them will be of such a nature that they will operate to the benefit of the anti-Croker Democrats. If Nixon is going to hold on to the organization he has got to start such a course that he will have a majority of the delegates before election when the new committee organizes in November. He is now travelling around all the time trying to make friends who will stand by him when the reorganization comes.

Union County Trust Company Expands.

RAHWAY, N. J., Feb. 1.—The Union County Trust Company at a meeting held this morning decided to increase its capital stock from $100,000 to $200,000 and to elect twenty-three directors instead of seven. It was decided to form a surplus of $100,000. The additional directors will be elected March and will include well-known men of the Republic. All Assurance Society, the Fidelity Trust Company of Newark and the Prudential Insurance Company of Newark.

HANGED HIMSELF IN HIS ATTIC.

Suicide of S. W. Robertson, Former Cashier of a Middletown, N. Y., Bank.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Feb. 1.—Suffering from melancholia, through illness brought on by worry over the life imprisonment of his wife's brother on a charge of murder, Stephen W. Robertson, until last August assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Middletown, ended his mental and physical suffering by hanging himself at an early hour this morning in his home in this city. The act was committed during his wife's absence from the room, she having gone to the kitchen to prepare a dish of oatmeal that he expressed a desire for. When she returned he had disappeared, and after a search of the house she went to the attic and was shocked to see his body dangling at the end of a rope adjusted about the neck and which he had tied to an overhead beam. He had stood on a soap box and then kicked it out from under his feet. On Friday Mr. Robertson attempted to kill himself by inhaling chloroform and dosing himself with morphine during the temporary absence of his wife, who found him unconscious in his room. The prompt administration of restoratives by physicians saved the man's life. The following letter, directed to his wife, was found near the body:

MY DEAR ABBIE: You will find me passed away. Life has become a burden, with no health to battle with the world. Do what you think is for the best for yourself and don't grieve for me. You have always done your duty and have been an always faithful and kind wife. I hope strength will be given to you to bear up under the shock and that you will be blest with good and kind friends during the balance of your life. Goodby.
S. W. R.

On July 31, 1900, Joel C. Rundel, a brother-in-law of the dead man, residing in the town of Greenville, this county, while engaged in a drunken row shot and killed Arthur Morgan, a tenant. He was tried and convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to Sing Sing for life.

FORTUNE TELLER CURSED HER.

Explanation for the Strange Suicide of a Seventeen-Year-Old Girl.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 1.—The curse of a gypsy fortune teller is believed to have led to the suicide of Lela Bragg, the seventeen-year-old girl who drank carbolic acid on Friday at the home of her parents on Livingston street. On Wednesday Miss Bragg was seated at her desk in the Woollen Mills Outlet when a gypsy fortune teller, an aged woman, entered and told her fortune. Before the gypsy had finished scanning the girl's hand a careless remark made by Miss Bragg offended the old woman. She sprang back with a threat on her lips and pointed her finger full in the face of the startled and dismayed girl.

"Within ten days you will be murdered. Your fate is sealed," said the woman. Then she slammed the door behind her and was gone.

During the three days following, the gypsy's curse preyed upon the young girl's mind. She often spoke of it and then committed suicide.

Shot Himself From Fear of Consumption.

MOUNT VERNON, Feb. 1.—Fearing that he would have consumption, of which several of his relatives have died, Arthur L. Mager, 21 years old, the son of ex-Alderman Fred Mager, a wealthy merchant of Mount Vernon, shot himself in his hardware store at 146 South Fourth avenue this afternoon. He was found by his father and Mrs. H. Flandreau, a trained nurse, and sent to the Mount Vernon Hospital, where it was said that he could live but a few hours.

MINERS PLAY BUNCOMBE.

So the Coal Operators Tell Them in the Indianapolis Conference.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—The points of difference between the miners and mine owners were brought out sharply in today's conference when the miners were ridiculed for their demands and were told that they had been made for buncombe and with full knowledge that they would not be granted. The operators from Ohio and Pennsylvania also denied the right of the miners' organization to interfere with men employed outside of the mines, and notice was served that the increase of wages demanded for them was not made in good faith.

President Mitchell, for the miners, said that the output of coal had been larger in the last year and prices better than for several years and that the miners should have a share in this prosperity. He also declared that the "run-of-mine" is the only fair basis for payment. An Ohio mine owner replied to Mitchell and submitted figures to show that contracts had been let in 1901 on the same basis as in 1900 and said that coal in Ohio and Indiana had been sold at less than in 1900. He then turned on Mitchell and declared that he had letters from him in which the Mine Workers' President had declared that the "coal miners are a well paid class."

In respect to wages for outside men, the operator said the operators are now paying better wages for fewer hours of work than are the railroads in some places and an increase would close up the mines.

STRIKE CAUSES LOCK-OUT.

5,000 Hands in Woollen Mills Thrown Out of Work at Olneyville, R. I.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 1.—The American Woollen Company to-day ordered its four big mills in Olneyville shut down, pending the settlement of a labor dispute. The trouble started in one mill about three weeks ago, when about seventy weavers refused to work on the double loom system and went out. To-day the entire force of the Riverside mill, another plant, went out, and when this was announced the company shut down all its mills, throwing about 5,000 hands out of work.

Allis-Chalmers Company Advances Wages.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 1.—The Allis-Chalmers Company of this city to-day announced an increase of wages for its moulders and a minimum wage scale of $2.50 a day. This announcement was made after the company's officials had held a conference with Vice-President John F. Troy of the Iron Moulders' International Association. It is thought that the same scale will be accepted by the other foundries of this city.

Hawes—Mason.

AMESBURY, Mass., Feb. 1.—Miss Mary French Mason of San Francisco was married here this afternoon to George Percy Hawes, Jr., of Richmond, Va., by the Rev. F. W. Gibbs, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Harland A. Sawyer. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Capt. Charles Mason of New Haven, Vt. The bridegroom is a son of Col. G. P. Hawes of Richmond. He was a member of President Roosevelt's Rough Riders and is a personal friend of the President.

Exempted From Civil Service Examination.

ALBANY, Feb. 1.—The position of Assistant Deputy Register of New York county was exempted to-day from civil service examination by the State Civil Service Commission. The proposed amendment to the New York, Syracuse and other local civil service classifications will be disposed of at a meeting of the commission to be held in Rochester on Feb. 14.

After Reading "The Sun"
there is little, if anything, left to be learned on the leading subjects of the day.—Adv.

MORE DUTY ON YERKES RUBENS

"ZEUS AND JUNO" SAID TO HAVE BEEN UNDERVALUED

But Not Enough, Evidently, to Cause Seizure of the Picture—Appraisal Was Made at Chicago, a Year Ago or So —Picture Is Now in New York City.

"Zeus and Juno on Olympus" 30x10 feet, imported as a Rubens by Charles T. Yerkes the street railroad capitalist now in London, has been the subject of a customs inquiry the result of which, one story has it, Mr. Yerkes has added $5,000 to the duty he paid on the painting when it was imported. Collector Bidwell was out of town yesterday but his Secretary, Mr. Stewart, said:

"There was some such case and I understand that it was settled."

This is the story as it is told around the Custom House:

The picture, which was once owned by the Duke of Westminister, Mr. Yerkes bought in Paris, with another painting, thirteen months ago and imported by way of Chicago; that is the duty was paid in Chicago. The picture is now in Mr. Yerkes's house on Fifth avenue, this city. When it was imported the frame was shipped separately, the frame coming to this city.

Special agents of the Treasury Department have been working for an entire year on the case, with the final result that, after they had learned all they wished to know about how the painting came into this country and its actual cost, the facts were presented to Mr. Yerkes through Collector Bidwell. Mr. Yerkes had an interview with the Collector, admitted the correctness of the details of the importation as presented by the customs agents, and said that the painting, instead of being worth 80,000 francs, or about $6,000, as assessed in Chicago, had cost him 150,000 marks, or about $37,500.

Mr. Yerkes is also reported to have stated that he was very glad to be able to arrange the matter quietly as he did not want the public to think he had paid only $6,000 for the painting for fear it might be suspected that the work was not an original Rubens but only a copy. The Chicago appraiser who passed it is said to have been asked by the Treasury authorities how it was that he had made such a mistake. Special Customs Employee William H. Theobald was active in working up the case for the Government. It was intimated at the Collector's office that the case was one that had gone through the Law Division of the Custom House, but Col. Dudley F. Phelps, chief of the Law Division said that it was all news to him and that in fact, if the undervaluation had been as heavy as reported it would have been absolutely necessary for the customs officers to seize the painting and that the case could not have been settled.

DR. CRONK SUES FOR DIVORCE.

A Domestic Scandal Brought to Light in Hyde Park, Dutchess County.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 1.—Dr. James M. Cronk, a prominent Dutchess county physician residing at Hyde Park, has brought an action for absolute divorce against his wife, Mrs. Nellie Cronk, formerly Nellie Palmer, daughter of Peter Palmer of Matteawan, accusing her of misconduct with William S. Parker of Hyde Park. Dr. Cronk has long been suspicious that his wife was unfaithful, and he alleges that several weeks ago he found in a satchel a letter to her from Parker covering sixteen pages of note paper. He seized the letter and Mrs. Cronk attempted to prevent him from taking it. A struggle followed, but the doctor got fourteen of the sixteen pages. The letter contained words of endearment addressed by Parker to Mrs. Cronk. The angry husband left his wife at once and put his case in the hands of Poughkeepsie lawyers.

Dr. Cronk and Parker had a lively interview, in the course of which the doctor called Parker a scoundrel and taxed him with trying to break up his home. Dr. Cronk was graduated from the Albany Medical College in 1898. His wife is a pretty woman. She says that her husband is unduly jealous of her and she will defend the action against her. Parker is a wealthy bachelor.

STARCH COMPANY NOT A TRUST.

A Suit Begun at Bryan's Instigation Abandoned in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 1.—The National Starch Company of New Jersey was declared officially not to be a trust to-day by Attorney-General Prout, who dismissed in the Supreme Court the action brought by his predecessor to dissolve it, so far as the Nebraska members were concerned. The Attorney-General says the evidence was conclusive that while the company is composed of a number of independent plants and has bought out the United Starch Company, it has active competition and, in fact, controlled less than one-half of the starch output. Prices were raised but this was necessary because of increased cost of raw material, corn. As the company was powerless to restrict trade, limit the product, or arbitrarily fix prices, it is without the provisions of the law against trusts, is the Attorney-General's conclusion.

The suit was brought by the Democratic predecessor of Mr. Prout, at the instance, it was charged freely, of Mr. Bryan. It temporarily closed their big works at Nebraska City, owned by J. Sterling Morton, Cleveland's Secretary of Agriculture, who has ever since held bitter enmity against Bryan. The suit was begun in the closing hours of the 1900 campaign, and both Bryan and the Attorney-General went to Nebraska City to justify publicly their action.

Musical Matinees at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The first of the musical matinées to be given in the mornings at the Waldorf-Astoria will take place on Friday. Fritzi Scheff, Aimée Bingham, Heathe Gregory and Jean Gerardy are to appear. Ludwig Ruben, who is managing the enterprise, announces that Florizel, Andreas Schneider, Lucy Gates and Josephine Jacoby will take part in the second concert, while at the third, David Bispham, Esther Palliser, Frieda Stender and Allison Van Hoose will sing of Homer Norris's cantata, "The Flight parts the Eagle." Tickets to single performances will be sold.

OBITUARY.

The Hon. Ezekiel P. Carpenter of Foxboro, Mass., dropped dead on Friday night of heart trouble while walking from his office to his home. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters. Mr. Carpenter was born on Nov. 13, 1825. In 1850 he entered politics. He was the first President of the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad and of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad Companies. He was one of the promoters of Oak Bluffs, the Cottage City, Shelter Island Park and the Sea Cliff link at Nantucket. He was State Senator three years, being chairman of the Railroad Committee at the time the House issued was being built.

Mrs. Margaret A. E. McIlvaine, President of the Daughters of the Confederacy and first President of the organization, is dead in St. Louis, aged 81. She resided in St. Louis at the outbreak of the Civil War, but was sent South owing to disloyalty to the Union cause. Returning to St. Louis at the close of the war she became active in movements for memorials in behalf of the Confederacy.

Samuel Perkins Bishop, said to be the oldest banker in the country, died yesterday at Walnut Hills in Cincinnati. He went to Cincinnati from New York in 1837, and since then had been well known in banking circles. His enfeebled condition could not withstand a bronchial attack of two weeks ago.

Dr. W. A. Dudley, one of the oldest physicians in Petersburg, Va., died yesterday of pneumonia, aged 70 years. He had practiced medicine there for fifty years. During the gold fever in California he got his mother drove from Virginia to that State.

Police Sergeant John J. Fogarty of the Brooklyn Department died on Friday at his home, 441 Degraw street. He had been on the force nine years and was attached to the Vernon avenue station.

VASSAR GIRLS ON SKATES.

Ice Carnival to Celebrate the Close of Midwinter Examinations.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 1.—Seven hundred Vassar students last night celebrated the close of the midyear examinations by an ice carnival on the lake. The gently falling flakes of snow, covering both ice and skaters with a fleecy mantle, proved an attraction to the pleasure of the occasion, for the snow was too light to interfere with skating. Fancy lanterns were strung about the trees on the banks and three big bonfires on the ice added to their glowing light. The carnival began with a grand march on skates, while an orchestra, stationed in a pavilion on the bank, furnished music. The girls wore all sorts of costumes. Some were in white, with white duck skirts, suggestive of summer, and white sweaters. Others wore long kimonas, usually reserved exclusively for housewear, and Tam O'Shanters were the favorite headgear. There are many good skaters among the girls and some who are able to do all sorts of fancy figure skating. The faculty was well represented. Prof. Pitcher, Prof. Moulton and Prof. Moore being among the most enthusiastic.

Promptly at 8 the grand march began, up and down the lake, in twos and fours and single file, winding in and out in serpentine chains. Miss Caroline Sperry, '02, led with Miss Elsa White. The orchestra played marches and twosteps and waltzes with much spirit throughout the evening. "Snapping the whip" was next in order, and lines of skaters raced up and down the lake, sweeping all before them. Fancy skating, twostepe, waltzes and wonderful outer-edge tricks came next. In the very midst of the fun 10 o'clock came all too soon and the skaters dispersed to fudge and general jollification parties, to talk it all over and to make plans for the next.

SHERIFF OF HAMILTON COUNTY.

Republican Candidate Will Get the Certificate on Recanvass of the Votes.

UTICA, Feb. 1.—R. Frank Kathon, Republican candidate for Sheriff of Hamilton county, will get his certificate of election, although J. N. Locke, the Democratic candidate, had been declared elected and has been acting as Sheriff since Jan. 1. Kathon received 286 votes at the November election, and there were cast for J. N. Locke, J. Nathaniel Lock and Nat Locke 325 votes, which the supervisors canvassed for J. N. Locke. Kathon got an order from Justice Stover directing the supervisors to canvass the votes as they were cast, but the board, which is Democratic, failed to do so when they met last month, and announced the vote as before. When the action of the supervisors was brought to the attention of Justice Stover last week he said the supervisors were in contempt and should be punished. Another order was issued and the board met today at Lake Pleasant and declared Kathon elected. Locke will begin quo warranto proceedings and seek to have Kathon removed by the Governor.

TO ELMIRA FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Soldier Boy of 19 With a Woman's Blood on His Hands.

Arthur Edminster, 19 years old, was sent to the Elmira Reformatory yesterday by Justice Kenefick of the Supreme Court for killing his negro mistress last summer. So many testimonials reached the Justice concerning the good reputation of young Edminster during the Spanish war, when Edminster was in the Fourteenth Regiment of Brooklyn, that he gave the case a personal investigation.

"I know well what would be the best thing to do with you for your own sake," said the Justice, "but the public's interests must be considered, and I will send you to Elmira."

Edminster was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree.

THE PIANO WANTED PADEREWSKI'S BED.

The Soul of Music Slumbers on the Oceanic —Two Musical Kings in Manhattan.

Ignace Jan Paderewski, the pianist, arrived Thursday last with his wife on the Oceanic. During the trip of the Oceanic Mr. Paderewski had a narrow escape from serious injury. In his stateroom he had a small upright piano on which to practice. The instrument was fastened to the floor by means of bolts. On the opposite side of the room was the bed of the virtuoso. In a heavy storm, which struck the Oceanic about 5 o'clock Friday morning the piano was loosened by the rolling of the vessel, and the first the pianist knew he was awakened by a jar. Mr. Paderewski said that he tried to get out of his berth, but the instrument was pinned against the foot of the bed, shutting him in. When Mr. Paderewski satisfied himself that the night visitor was nothing more harmful than an upright piano, he lay still, and in time went to sleep, and not until his servant appeared at 9 o'clock in the morning was he liberated.

—New York Times.

Anyone Can Play Piano Skilfully with Help of Apollo.

Of the many thousands of people that populate this world there is no one who does not possess to an extent a love for music. The origin of this love is limited mostly to a few, for lack of education, knowing how to appreciate only the most imperfect instruments, but it is as evenly alive to the power of music as the more civilized brother. The development of musical instruments has run parallel with the development of civilization, until, at present, almost every home boasts of a musical instrument. The piano generally has been the instrument sought for most homes, as it is capable of producing more high music than anything else, gratifying to all tastes. The instrument, however, has been very costly, so people from small means have had no chance of how to play the piano, and it is a common sight to see a piano in a house which is not played upon from one year end to another. The Apollo, recognizing this fact, has given to the world the Apollo, which enables people with undeveloped talent and no ear for music to play well and correctly upon the piano. The instrument is simple and easily attached to any piano. It plays by current pneumatic power, and is simple in its construction that anyone can get out of order, and the most delicate woman can use it without the slightest degree of tiring her strength. The Apollo affords the opportunity to sit down at a piano and play without fatigue or exertion, correctly and skilfully, a range of music ranging from the greatest masterpieces of the great masters. It would be difficult to find a more delightful way of spending an evening than to be able to sit down at a piano and at will call forth strains of Beethoven, Bach or Mendelssohn, with no memory of laborious hours spent in acquiring the knowledge.

If there is any one who doubts the assertion of the Apollo Company they will be given satisfactory proof that not only are the claims of the Apollo people just, but modest, if they call at their headquarters, No. 124 Fifth Avenue.

—New York Press.

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HOSPITALS CHANGE CONTROL.

NEW TRUSTEES TAKE CHARGE OF CITY INSTITUTIONS.

Commissioner of Charities Folks Formally Hands Over the Keys—Dr. Flavius Packer Put at Head of Insane Pavilion at Bellevue—Other Changes.

Commissioner of Charities Folks formally turned over the management of Bellevue and other city hospitals yesterday afternoon to the board of seven trustees appointed by Mayor Low on Jan. 20. This was in accordance with the provisions of the revised Charter, and the board, as selected by Mr. Low, is as follows: Dr. John W. Brannan, of 11 West Twelfth street, President, appointed for a term of seven years; James K. Paulding of 130 East Twenty-fourth street, secretary, for the term of four years; Myles Tierney of 317 Riverside Drive, for the term of six years; Samuel Sachs of 31 Nassau street, for the term of five years; Marcus Stine of 34 Broad street, for the term of three years; Theodore E. Tack of 52 Broadway, for the term of two years; and Howard Townsend of 32 Nassau street, for the term of one year. Commissioner Folks will be an advisory member of the board without office.

The emergency and receiving hospitals which will be included under the new management with Bellevue, are the Fordham, Harlem, Gouverneur, the Emergency Hospital in Twenty-sixth street, and, on its completion, the new hospital in Harlem, ground for which has been already secured. The Emergency Hospital in Twenty-sixth street is for the reception of obstetrical cases, as there is no special ward for such cases.

All the seven members of the Board of Trustees were at the meeting yesterday afternoon and the ceremonies of transfer were very simple. Commissioner Folks merely read a paper setting forth the law under which the transfer was made, specifying the institutions that were transferred. The Morgue and the drug branch in the Bellevue grounds are reserved under the authority of the Departments of Charities and Correction, the drug house being for all the institutions and not confined to the hospitals alone.

It is obvious that the first thing the new hospitals' government will undertake is the reorganization of the insane pavilion at Bellevue. In fact that work is already under way. The Board of Trustees has held several meetings since its appointment prior to that of yesterday and plans for improving the management of the insane pavilion were in a measure perfected. The first sweeping change was the appointment of Dr. Flavius Packer to have charge of the pavilion. Dr. Packer has for some time been first assistant resident physician at the Manhattan Asylum for the criminal insane. The selection was made on the recommendation of Dr. Peterson, President of the State Lunacy Commission, and Dr. Packer has appointed Dr. Gregory of the Kings County Asylum as his assistant.

It is the intention that night and day there shall be an experienced alienist in attendance at the pavilion, to the end that patients received there may have the attendance of these experts from the moment of their arrival until their departure. Heretofore the pavilion has been merely a place in which those of unsound mind were held pending their reception in some asylum. They had no treatment save a general supervision of their health. Under the new arrangement they will have treatment proper to their mental ailment. Dr. Gregory will have a room in the pavilion and will remain there nights.

"No changes in any heads of departments are contemplated," said Dr. Brannan, chairman of the Board of Trustees, after the meeting yesterday, "and beyond the insane pavilion we have not considered the question of making changes in the attendants. There will be a corps of attendants under Dr. Packer who have had experience in the management of the insane. As to the general hospital attendants, perhaps the service rendered is as good as could be expected under the circumstances. You can't expect too much when the men attendants get only $12.50 and the women $10 a week. We have not, however, had time to give attention to that matter. In addition to other benefits we expect from the appointment of Dr. Packer an improvement in the relations of the hospitals with the State institutions. Heretofore for various causes which I do not undertake to explain or discuss, there has been more or less difficulty in having patients from the insane pavilion admitted into the State institutions. We believe this will be to a great extent eliminated under Dr. Packer's administration.

"Dr. Packer himself has had a long experience in State institutions and is thoroughly in touch with them, and he is further the selection of Dr. Peterson, President of the State Lunacy Commission."

Dr. Thomas L. Burchfielter, who heretofore has been connected with the insane pavilion, has been transferred to the Board of Health.

Among other things decided at yesterday's meeting of the board was that each hospital shall be visited once each week by one of the seven trustees. Furthermore there will be a weekly meeting of the entire board held on Thursday in Bellevue Hospital.

ONCE RICH, NOW A DISHWASHER.

Charles Mathews, Found Half-Naked, Goes to Workhouse After Telling His Story.

Tattered clothes could not hide the remnants of respectability in a prisoner arraigned yesterday morning before Magistrate Pool in the West Side police court. He said that he was 45 years old, but his long hair, brushed straight back from his high forehead, was nearly white and gave him the appearance of greater age.

Policeman Reyerson of the West Thirty-seventh street station said that he found the man at 1:30 o'clock on Saturday morning crouching in a hallway on West Thirty-first street, near Eighth avenue. His scanty clothes were half off, and the policeman was afraid that he would freeze to death in the snow, so he took him to the station house for the night.

"Your Honor," said the prisoner, with a gesture, "hear me. I am not what I seem. I am above this. I am Charles Mathews, now a dishwasher in a restaurant next door to the Haymarket. Once I was rich and a clubman."

The Magistrate nodded encouragingly. "Your name doesn't sound at all familiar," he said.

"My father was Edward C. Mathews, and he was——"

"Not the Edward C. Mathews who twenty-five years ago was the well-known lawyer and rich real estate man?" exclaimed the Magistrate.

"The same," said the prisoner.

"I see the resemblance now," said the Magistrate. "Go on with your story."

"My father was a partner of James C. Brady. He was a well-known clubman. When he died over twenty years ago he left me a fortune of several hundred thousand dollars. I spent it. For a time I was a clubman, a society man and I think a general favorite. Then I dissipated. I spent my money and sank lower and lower. I was finally moneyless, homeless and almost friendless."

"The same sad, but old story," interjected Magistrate Pool. "Go on."

"Then I braced up," continued Mathews. "I became an actor. For two or three years I travelled with Richard Mansfield's company, but it didn't last. Now I wash dishes. See my hands—they're clean. I have a few pennies in my pocket. I have work to go to. Don't punish me. Let me go."

The Magistrate had the prematurely old man step aside while he thought the matter over. Then he committed Mathews to the workhouse for one month.

"I want you to brace up," said Magistrate Pool. "You will get cleaned up over there and get new clothes, I hope. I am doing the best that I can for your welfare."

"You are making a mistake, your Honor," said Mathews, as he was led away.

"No," replied the Magistrate, "I am trying to save you."

DEATH OF A VAN BEUREN HEIR.

Old History of New York Revived Through the Passing Away of Mrs. J. W. Davis.

Mrs. John W. Davis, who died on Friday in the old Van Beuren house in Fourteenth street between Fifth and Sixth avenues, was the daughter of Michael M. Van Beuren. Her husband, John W. Davis, who was for many years the manager of the Van Beuren estate, or, as it is sometimes known, the Spingler estate, died several years ago.

The Van Beuren house now stands in the middle of a garden which includes twelve city lots. All around it are business buildings, many of which are on ground owned by the owner of oldest record, Henry Spingler, a market gardener, who died in 1815 at an advanced age.

There is a tradition that Henry Spingler acquired the place through the fact that he was the steward of the original owner, who sailed for Europe and never appeared to claim the property again. At any rate, Henry Spingler was shrewd, and when the city began to catch up with his market gardens he only sold enough to make him rich in his generation, an example which has been followed by his heirs. Mrs. Davis, whose Christian name was Mary Louise, was the great-granddaughter of Henry Spingler.

Mrs. Davis left two sons, John W. and Michael Van Beuren Davis, who are twins, and are well-known clubmen. The original Spingler house was at Fifteenth street and the Bowery and the estate spread both to east and west and north and south of that point, which was somewhere within the limits of the present Union Square.

Additions to Yale's Library.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 1.—In his annual report to-day Prof. Addison Van Name, Yale's librarian, says that during the year there were added to the printed books of the university library by purchase 7,846 volumes, and by gift 7,735 volumes. This does not include the gift of the Count Lacaze collection of Arabic manuscripts, purchased at the cost of 50,000 marks and presented to the university by Morris K. Jesup of New York city. The university library now comprises 770,000 volumes, 180,000 pamphlets and 1,000 volumes of manuscripts.

$200 DEATH VERDICT WON'T DO.

Little Italian Boy Worth More Than That if Any Wrong Was Done.

George Gubbitosi's six-year-old son was killed by a wagon owned by Isaac Rothschild and a jury in the Supreme Court gave the father $200 damages against Rothschild. Justice Russell sets the verdict aside. He says that it was evidently a compromise verdict, and:

In considering a question of the kind now presented inquiries into the description of the child, unless physical or mental weakness appears, are not very helpful. The growth of the young life into ripening manhood or womanhood is hidden from mortal eyes, but with the faith of confidence in the opportunities afforded in this country justified by experience, we may fairly assume that, as a probability in the great majority of cases, a boy born here, whether of native or foreign parents, will mature into a useful citizen and son. Upon any other basis the effort to look into the future to ascertain what his loss means to his parents is fairly caprice or guess, and verdicts of $10,000 or $10 for children of the same apparent future usefulness are equally sacred as within the jury's province. By this death, aside from any sentimental loss, the father lost the probable service of the son from an age when that service would overbalance the burden of his support, the help of his manhood life rendered from the instinct of affection and the legal obligation to support parents who are aging into inability to care for themselves. And that service is not the less valuable because strengthened by filial feeling. What basis of judgment or right did this jury have to value it at all at $200? The verdict is not just to the plaintiff, if he is right in his claim, as the jury says he is; it is not just to the defendant, if his position is correct, and approval by the Court would be its adoption of an error. Nor do I think it proper to make the plaintiff pay for what he asks as a right and not a favor, so declared by the Court. The verdict is set aside and a new trial ordered without costs.

Says He Caught a Bowery Thief.

Policeman Madden of the Eldridge street station, arrested John Kennedy of 108 Allen street, early yesterday morning. Madden says that Kennedy and another man knocked down Otto Krandick, a barber at 81 Bowery, with a club and were rifling his pockets when Madden came up. Kennedy was held for trial. The other man escaped.

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