

GIFT OF VALUABLE FRANCHISE

IN BILL REPORTED FAVORABLY IN THE ASSEMBLY

It gives a Company Power to Utilize the Waters of Niagara River—Automobile Bill Amended and Reported—Two Registration Bills in Committee.

ALBANY, Feb. 19.—Despite the fact that a valuable electric power franchise is granted without compensation to the State...

One of the several compromise automobile bills introduced by Assemblyman Cocks has been reported favorably by the Assembly Internal Affairs Committee.

Assemblyman Fish providing for an additional day of registration for the benefit of those voters who are unable to be in the county on the regular days...

Another bill introduced which has been more favorably considered than any other is a bill which is designed to amend the law...

The session of the Legislature to-day was of no importance, the day being as large as any Friday morning. The Assembly discussed a calendar of unimportant bills.

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

A Plan Said to Have Matured to Elect a Subordinate in the Department.

ALBANY, Feb. 19.—There is good authority for the statement that in spite of the constant assertions made by the Republican Senators and party leaders within the past two or three days that if the Lewis-Wainwright education bill becomes a law...

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LITTLE GIRLS' CHARGE

Jersey City Policeman Stripped of His Shield and Locked Up

Patrolman James Brady of the Third precinct, Jersey City, who has been on the force only two months, was stripped of his shield by Chief Benjamin Murphy yesterday morning and locked up on the charge of criminally assaulting Ida Williams, 14 years old, of 390 Third street, and Rosanna Fallon, 13 years old, of 26 Maxwell street.

The girls were arrested on Feb. 6 in a raid on a disorderly house in Maxwell street, kept by Mrs. Mary Fallon, Rosanna's mother. They were released the next day, and Mrs. Fallon was sent to jail.

The chief had a long talk with the Williams girl yesterday, and she confided to him a horrible story of life in the house. She said Mrs. Fallon instructed her and Rosanna to go to the street to make themselves attractive to men.

Brady gave up his trade of bootmaking to join the police as a poverty-stricken man, 35 years old, and is married. He was released by Judge John A. Blair in \$1,500 bail.

BISHOP SCORES WOMAN'S CLUBS

Says They Are Destroying Home Life in Canada

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 19.—At a mothers' meeting in Kingston to-day Bishop Mills of the Episcopal Church denounced the club idea, which, he said, was gaining ground among Canadian women and destroying home life in the Dominion.

GAS HEARING AT ALBANY

Attorney-General Will Not Bring Action Unless There is Chance of Success

ALBANY, Feb. 19.—Attorney-General Cunniff heard arguments to-day on an application that proceedings be instituted against the Consolidated Gas Company, the New Amsterdam Gas Company and the Standard Gas Lighting Company of New York.

WHERE IS THE GRAB

Paul D. Cravath Quits Some Fears About a Street Railroads Bill

Paul D. Cravath issued a statement yesterday concerning one of the bills introduced at Albany on the street railway in the interest of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company. The particular bill Mr. Cravath refers to provides for the relocation of routes, with the consent of the local authorities, and permits a street railway company to remove unused tracks or suspend the operation of useless lines without impairing its franchise.

MARTIAL LAW IN URUGUAY

It Has Not Been Proclaimed, but is Being Enforced Throughout the Country

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—W. R. Finck, the United States Minister at Montevideo, reports to the State Department by mail under date of Jan. 13, that while the Government of Uruguay has not issued any declaration of war against the revolutionists, or Blancos, it has published restrictive orders. Egress from Montevideo and other points is restricted to foreigners, which means, however, obtain permits from the military authorities.

HEREWITH HIS JAPANESE BRIDE

George D. Morgan Comes Home for a Visit

George D. Morgan arrived in New York yesterday with his bride, who was Kato Oryuki, a Geisha girl in Kyoto, Japan. They are staying with Junius Morgan, a cousin of the bridegroom, at 6 West 104th street. It is thought that they will return to Japan in a few weeks and make their home in Tokio.

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SAYS ROOSEVELT IS UNSAFE

AND APT TO INVOLVE US IN WAR WITH SOME OTHER NATION

Mr. Fitzgerald (Dem., N. Y.) Utters What He Says Is a Growing Feeling in This Country—Objects to Encouraging an Impetuous Man by Big Naval Funds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The House to-day devoted practically the entire session to the consideration of the Naval Appropriation bill, which carries an expenditure of \$96,338,038.

Mr. Fitzgerald (Dem., N. Y.) spoke of the necessity of maintaining a strong navy as a means of preserving peace and our national honor.

Mr. Fitzgerald (Dem., N. Y.) wanted to know whether the upbuilding of the navy was to stop, now that it had reached the \$100,000,000 mark in annual appropriations.

FOR NEW POST OFFICE

The New York Delegation Presents the Case to the House Committee

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The members of the Greater New York delegation were before the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to-day and made their argument in behalf of better post office facilities for New York.

"HE" QUILTS THE WOMAN'S HOTEL

Steward Daugherty Resigns and All the Women Folks Mourn

William Aloysius Daugherty, steward of the Hotel Martha Washington, says he is a "mistif" and that he is going to quit his job.

CONSUL CHANGE PLACES

W. R. Davis to Go to Martineque and J. F. Jewell to San Francisco

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—William Ross Davis of Ohio, Consul at Alexandria, Egypt, and John F. Jewell of Illinois, Consul at Martineque, West Indies, will change places as a result of an arrangement made by the State Department.

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GUEST TELLS OF WIFE'S FLIGHT

Hint Said to Recover \$15,000 From Lowther on Trial—To Go on Monday

The suit of A. Royal Guest, of Guest & Co., coal dealers, in West 47th-street, to recover \$75,000 from Clarence L. Lowther, of Lowther Bros., coal dealers, in East 13th-street, for the alienation of Mrs. Guest's affections, was on trial yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Forbes and a jury. Guest was the only witness examined yesterday.

Guest married, on Aug. 13, 1891, Miss Helen Limbeck of Jersey City, and they have a child, Russell, 7 years old, who lives with his father at 456 Manhattan avenue. The present whereabouts of both Mrs. Guest and Clarence L. Lowther are not known. They were last heard from in Omaha, just a year ago.

According to Guest's story, he and Lowther had known one another in a business way for some years, but had never met socially until May, 1902, when they and Mrs. Guest and another friend lunched together. By September Lowther was recognized as an intimate friend of the family.

On Valentine's Day, 1903, a package was delivered to Guest, sent through a third party, inclosing a check for \$15,000. The package was in Omaha and was in Lowther's handwriting. This package was put in evidence yesterday. When Mrs. Guest was rushed from her home she left a note for her husband in which she said:

Royal, when you receive this I will many miles away from New York. It was a hard parting, but I am leaving him to help comfort you in this parting. God alone is my judge, and I will not judge me too harshly.

HALL OF RECORDS A MERE SHELL

For Ornament Only, Grout Says—He's for Buying Office Room—Mayor Isn't

Comptroller Grout in advocating yesterday to the Board of Estimate the construction or purchase of a large building for housing the various city departments described the new Hall of Records as a mere ornament. It has been expected that several of the departments could be accommodated in the building and the last Board of Estimate began to allot the space.

Mr. Grout said that his Finance Department ought not to be moved into the building, and moved that the board rescind the resolution allotting space and order a committee to investigate. The board did so.

CLOSE VIEW OF A REVOLUTION

Domineans Just Heral with the Crowd—Casualties Mostly Accidental

The Yankee schooner Lavinia M. Snow, from Santo Domingo with cargo of coconuts, was a time making port against wind and frigid gales and seas. She had lost most of her head sails and part of her gear when she reached the Virginia cove, and her skipper decided to put into haven at Chinitoague. He got the tug Sommers N. Smith to bring him here.

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GROUT WANTS THE THREE R'S

AND FEWER SPECIAL STUDIES IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sends to the Board of Estimate the Report of His Experts on the Newly Adopted Course of Study—Too Much Physical Culture and Nature Study.

Comptroller Grout submitted to the Board of Estimate yesterday a report prepared by two of his expert accountants on the course of study recently adopted for the elementary schools.

The report is largely a criticism of the amount of instruction and time devoted to special studies, such as physical culture, manual training, nature study, drawing, hygiene and music.

The report shows that of the 12,000 minutes of time in the elementary schools each week only 5,975, or less than one half, are allotted to the essential branches, such as English, penmanship, geography, history and mathematics. It is recommended that many of the special branches of study be done away with.

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LIGHT OPERA FOR GRAU'S STAR

Mme. Schumann-Heink Will Appear in an Edwards-Stage Piece in the Fall

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 19.—Mme. Schumann-Heink is going to desert grand opera for comic opera. She said last night:

"Julian Edwards has written me the music and Stange the libretto. We three spent the summer together at the seashore, and in that time the opera was completed. I am now learning my part. The opera had not yet been rehearsed, but will be put on in September, probably in Detroit. She said it would be premature to tell any more now.

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