

BERGH ACCOUNTS KEPT DARK

DESPITE HAINES' ASSERTION THAT IT ISN'T SO.

Many Persons Wondering if the Board at Its July Meeting Will Act Differently From What It Did in June. Col. Erhardt Tells How He Was Checked.

Persons who are interested in the work of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which, it has been asserted, President John P. Haines runs as a one man show, are wondering whether the board of managers will decide to make public at its July meeting the much discussed report of the expert accountants on the condition of that society. It had been charged by Col. Erhardt, the chairman of the managers, that this was deliberately suppressed at the June meeting.

Although Mr. Haines, in reply to Col. Erhardt's charges, asserted that any member of the society in whom he had faith could see the report, it appears that the board of managers at present stands on record as having formally voted that the report was not open to inspection, even by members of their own board. Heretofore subscribers and members of charitable organizations, clubs and other societies have had no difficulty in seeing reports made by accountants who were called in to see what was going on. But Mr. Haines asserts that to publish the accountants' report on the condition of the society would give material to the society's enemies for a lawless attack.

It was learned yesterday that in the report of the auditing committee accompanying the statement of the accountants made of extravagance in the management of the society. One item in particular mentioned was that of printing. According to the last annual report of the treasurer, the society spent nearly \$12,000 for printing. The printing is done at the society's printing shop in the basement. Mr. Haines is very proud of his printing shop. He sees that the output is all copyrighted. The point was raised once or twice whether the society should not get the printing done for half as much outside, but nothing came of it. There are said to have been many other interesting items mentioned showing how the society could have saved money.

Mr. Haines is said to have been so amazed at even this little bit of criticism that when the report was read he got up from his chair and asked to see the report. In course, he got a look at it. Some of his friends in the board of management, however, has seen it since this incident, apparently.

Mr. Haines is said to be taking steps to try and remove Col. Erhardt as a member of the board of managers. Col. Erhardt said yesterday that he did not desire to destroy the usefulness of the society, but to increase it.

"The report has not displeased me," he said. "I cannot have never seen it, except in glance at it for a moment. I do remember, however, that the report of the accountants as read made some criticisms and suggestions which I thought Mr. Haines should be allowed to see. It is not true that it was incomplete in one thing, that the president's salary neither for the last year nor this year, was included in the list. It was had and mentioned in the report."

At that time, Col. Erhardt said, he asked permission to look at the report afterward and got it. "Not hearing any more about it," he said, "I thought I would go and ask for a copy. The treasurer wrote that he had not seen the report himself. Col. Erhardt added:

"Hearing nothing from him, at the June meeting held on the 8th, there were five people present: Mr. Haines, the president; Mr. Knox, the treasurer; James Wilson, secretary; and myself. I stated that I had no further business of any kind before we adjourned. I asked to see the report. The treasurer said that he had received a communication from one of six of the board of managers asking that no one be permitted to see it. While these signatures were obtained, undoubtedly by solicitation, I stated that I thought I would go and ask for a copy of the report. The treasurer said that he had not seen the report himself. Col. Erhardt said that when Mr. Haines objected to his own company making a thorough investigation of the society, he mentioned the Empire Audit Company of Boston.

"I have absolutely no interest in that company," said Col. Erhardt. "I suggested it because certain members of the board of managers had received several hundred dollars of the expense incurred in hiring that company to go into everything."

WHOSE FLEAS WERE THESE? Fifty-four Dead Ones Exhibited in the Case of Mrs. Voss Against Martin. James Martin, who cleans and refills mattresses used on steamships, was arraigned in the First Criminal Court, Jersey City, yesterday on complaint of Mrs. Minnie Voss of 812 Jersey avenue, who said that the fleas which had been in her establishment in Jersey avenue led her to believe that the place is a public nuisance and ought to be suppressed.

FIRE NEXT DOOR TO KEITH'S

Man Burned to Death in Basement of Old Morton House—Damage \$25,000. A three alarm fire that resulted in one death and a loss of \$25,000, broke out about noon yesterday in the basement of the old Morton House adjoining Keith's Theater.

The basement, which was immediately under Benoni's clothing store, was used by the theater for storing and refurbishing old scenery. There were paints and oils and much inflammable matter lying about, and a defective electric light wire insulation furnished the necessary spark to set things going.

It was about 12:10 o'clock when a puff of thick, yellow smoke came up through the basement grating. In less than three minutes several engines were on the scene. Keith's Theater does not begin its afternoon performance until 1 o'clock, so that there was no audience. This was fortunate, as the auditorium was quickly filled with smoke.

Four of the theater employees, among them Henry Cohen, of Hoboken, related to the basement to unlimber a line of hose and get a stream of water started. They found the smoke so thick that three of them barely succeeded in making their way to Lerch's haberdashery store on the east. The man, in trying to escape, had apparently lost his bearings in the blinding smoke and started out in the wrong direction. Baker was about 50 years old. He leaves a family. He had been for several years employed as a gallery guard at Keith's.

The entire block on the south side of Union Square, including the old Morton House, seemed to be in danger for a time and second and third alarms were sent in. Lines of hose were placed in front of the main and side entrances of Keith's while the plate glass windows of the stores over the burning basement were smashed in and the fire attacked from above and on both flanks at once. Several times flames were overcome by the smoke and had to be carried out, but none was seriously injured.

The smoke drifted down into the subway from the entrance to Keith's. Police men were stationed on the platforms to calm people and turn them back from that entrance.

The fire didn't keep Keith's Theater closed last night. The house was doing business as usual and the audience was large.

STEEL FOUNDRIES BONDS

New Issue to Meet Purchases and Provide Working Capital. Gen. Charles Miller, president of the American Steel Foundries Company, gave out the following statement yesterday regarding a proposed bond issue:

"The American Steel Foundries management has just agreed upon a plan for financing its cash requirements. The plan will be perfected before the next regular meeting of the directors, which will be held on July 6, prox., and if accepted will then be made public.

"In January last the Steel Foundries purchased the Simplex Railway Appliance Company for about \$2,500,000 and borrowed \$1,000,000 with which to pay a part of the consideration. This purchase proved to be a good one, and the earnings of the company bought, are something like \$500,000 per month. The Foundries Company has also expended several hundred thousand dollars for the construction of a new plant at Indiana Harbor, Ind., near Chicago, and for extensions and additions to various other plants, all of which were considered necessary for the purpose of perfecting its plants and thereby increasing the output and reducing the cost of manufacture. Also, the business of the steel foundries has increased during the last year something like 30 per cent. This, of course, necessitates an increase in working capital.

"By reason of the facts above stated it has been found necessary to raise two or three million dollars to cover these requirements, and the plan mentioned will provide the necessary money. It is expected to make a bond issue on a basis that will be very attractive, the benefit of which will be offered to the stockholders themselves."

SHOW COWBOYS REAL THINGS

They Rode Two Runaway Steers, One of Which Charged and Downed Lariat Thrower. Two steers from the abattoir of Alexander Maybaum & Sons, in South Orange avenue, Newark, escaped yesterday and ran through the streets until they reached the Vailsburg section, where they were pursued by two cowboys, who had been summoned by telephone from a Wild West show performing in the city.

The Wanamaker Store. Store Closes at 12 o'clock.

Holidays Here--Almost What Have You Forgotten?

WANAMAKER'S is at your service, until 12 o'clock, to supply most promptly, and to your complete satisfaction, every personal requirement, and every necessary for the comfort of the home.

THE MAN WITH A SUIT TO BUY

Wants one of these smart, stylish Outing Suits, of wool crash--so cool, and correct for vacation trips, and all hot days of Summer. Fine collection here to pick from--all quarter-lined with silk. \$12 for coat and trousers. Striped Flannel Outing Trousers, in light and medium colorings--stylish, serviceable, cool. \$4. Every other clothing need, of course.

Second floor, Fourth avenue.

More of the \$10 Panama Hats at \$5

A smartly-groomed man, wearing one of these Panamas, steered two young friends of his to the counter where these hats were selling yesterday. After lauding his hat to the skies, he told them, in a stage whisper, that he had been offered ten dollars for it. And then--that he wouldn't take \$15 for it. His two friends each bought one.

Fine, closely-woven Hats that lend an air of refinement to any Summer make-up. A new, fresh lot of seventy-five this morning for quick choosing--unmatchable outside of this store for less than \$10. At \$5 each. Second floor, Ninth street.

JOHN WANAMAKER

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ALDERMEN FIGHT FOR POWER

Recorder Thinks a Spring Wedding Will Do for a Negro Convict. It was a busy day in Recorder Goetz's Court yesterday. Twenty-one criminals were sentenced to terms in prison--some long, some short.

Charles B. Bonner, a negro, who had slashed a friend with a razor, asked to be set off on his parole. His wife-to-be was in court, and she said that the marriage had been fixed for September. "It would be a test of her constancy," said the Recorder to Bonner's counsel, "if she had to wait a little longer."

"I don't think it would militate against her constancy if she married him as soon as possible," said the lawyer. "But I see the defendant used the national weapon of his race," continued the Recorder. "Love's young dream would be better exemplified if the man is married in the spring. So I sentence him to nine months in the penitentiary. That will bring him out about the right time."

James O'Hare, six times a convict and up again for larceny, begged for clemency. "I never had a home that you could call a home," he said. "I never had any people--no one to look up to. It's hard to get work when you're entirely blind. No one wants you. They don't believe you can reform. I couldn't get work and I stole because I was hungry. I was sorry the next minute."

"Six times a convict," said the Recorder. "I might adjudge you a habitual criminal and double your sentence. Do you owe the State anything?" "No, sir. I've been out of prison four years," said O'Hare. "Let me go and I'll promise the court I'll never see you again."

O'Hare was sent to the penitentiary for nine months on his promise that at the expiration of his term he would leave the city and work where his reputation wasn't known. Then came Richard S. Lipsey and John Zulger, two prosperous looking young men, who, as salesmen, had stolen \$9,000 from their employers.

"No excuse here," said the Recorder. "O'Hare, who preceded you, had been sentenced by the court for the same offenses. You are well educated, intelligent men who become a criminal is the man who is not entitled to mercy. I will adjudge you a habitual criminal and double your sentence. Do you owe the State anything?"

"I'm not sure of the circumstances," said the Recorder, "and I do not want to make a mistake." Frank Clifton, alias Edward O'Hanlon, who attempted to cash a check raised from \$2.80 to \$2,800, was sentenced to five years in Sing Sing. He promised to turn up a number of reliable men for the Pinkerton agency and to help in his class. Clifton's information was of no value to the police, and the Recorder told him so.

SPECIAL LOW ROUND TRIP RATES. The New York Central and West Shore Railroads will on specified dates during the season 1905 sell round trip tickets from New York as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Destination and Rate. Includes Denver, Colorado Springs, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, Niagara Falls, and Toronto.

For pamphlet giving full information call on any New York Central or West Shore Ticket Agent, or address H. B. JAGO, Gen'l East. Pass. Agt., MILTON C. ROACH, Asst. Gen'l Pass. Agt., West Shore R. R., 415 B'way, N. Y.

Browning, King & Co. CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS, AND HATS. Warm Weather Clothes. We shall provide for our share of those who want to dress for the Sea Shore or the Country over the Fourth.

Outing Suits--two-piece--of little weight and little cost. Serges, in trustworthy fabrics, and rightly cut, \$15 to \$35. Straw Hats, Bathing Suits, Outing Shirts and every other thing that ought to be in a complete store.

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OWNER REFUSES TO GIVE BAIL FOR ARRESTED DRIVER. Says Latter Had Machine Out in Violation of Orders--Driver Declares That He Was Running Slowly--Held in \$5,000 Victim Not Identified. An automobile belonging to James N. Hill, son of James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Company, killed a woman at Greenwich and Charles streets yesterday morning. The automobile was in charge of Frank C. Foote, who was on his way to the Special Sessions Court to answer a charge of violating the speed laws.

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NEW UPTOWN FERRY OF THE NEW JERSEY CENTRAL AT FOOT WEST 23D ST. (North River) CONCRETS WITH ALL TRAILS TOLLS.

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