

FOR A VAST JERSEY LAKE.

THE ESTIMATED COST PUT AT SEVEN MILLIONS.

Would Cause the Relocation of Parts of Three Railroads and of Many Wagon Roads—Argument That It Would Be a Paying Investment From Sale of Water.

CALDWELL, N. J., Dec. 15.—C. C. Vermeule, a civil engineer connected with the office of the State Geologist at Trenton, whose plan for a lake on the site of the present lowland meadows of the upper Passaic from Little Falls to Chatham has attracted attention, proposes to dam the river at the former point by a mighty dam reaching from the highland at the base of Second Mountain, on the Essex county side of the river, and stretching across into Passaic county, coming to a termination in the hills at the upper end of Totowa township.

Such a dam as he suggests would not only flood the lowlands in Essex county that are under water during freshets now but would cover to a depth of more than seven feet the greater part of the rich farms of Fairfield and Clinton, as well as much more of similar lands all the way up to Chatham.

The heaviest loss of property would occur in Passaic and Morris counties. In the former county the present villages of Singac and Wayne and a portion of Mountain View would be placed under from seven to seventeen feet of water. The powder works at Wayne, the large brick yards in that section and the rich farms that line the site of Singac Brook up through the weakness valley would cease to exist. In Morris county the villages of Lincoln Park and Pine Brook would be the greatest sufferers as the flood would cover them to the base of Hook Mountain. The Rockaway Valley would be flooded as far as the old Zabrickie mill at Lower Monticello, the Pompton River would be held back to Riverdale and another wing of the lake would cover the bottom lands of the Nippanny from the village of that name to the Passaic.

Before the dam is completed and the mighty mass of waters impounded it will be necessary to relocate three railroads for several miles. These are the main line of the Lackawanna from Totowa to Towaco, a distance of six miles; the Greenwood Lake from Little Falls to Westfield, nine miles; and the Morristown and Erie, the grade of which will have to be elevated for a considerable distance.

Many wagon roads will have to be abandoned and others relocated. One highway which will be left to cross the lake between Little Falls and Chatham is Bloomfield avenue, which will be carried across from the base of Franklin Hill to the southern point of Hook Mountain, three and one-half miles, on a huge embankment, and then by a new route on the westerly side of Hook Mountain to lower Montville. The roads crossing at Hanover and Columbia Bridge are also provided for by raising the grade about twenty feet for a short distance. It is also proposed to run roads skirting the shores of the lake, where such highways do not already exist, and to cross different arms of the lake at several points with roads built on embankments. Mr. Vermeule says that in no case should a bridge be less than twelve feet from the water level, to allow passage for steamboats. Mr. Vermeule has fixed the price of this vast enterprise at \$7,000,000. He also says it would be a paying investment.

The waters impounded could be partly sold as a water supply to the many towns and cities in the lower Passaic valley and partly to maintain the city's water supply motive power at Paterson and Passaic, as well as flushing out the sewage that is now turned into the river from these cities. But his greatest benefit would be the prevention of such disastrous floods as those which did such great damage to the above named cities on May 2, 1902, and October 10, 1903. These floods did damage almost equal to Mr. Vermeule's estimated cost of the proposed lake. After the floods of 1902 and 1903 Paterson and Passaic delegations to Trenton to urge on the Legislature the advisability of the State taking steps to prevent such a recurrence. The agitation resulted in the passage of a bill of a flood commission to consider the matter and Mr. Vermeule's plan, it is said, is likely to be recommended by the commission, and the Legislature may be asked at the next session to take steps toward its consummation.

Several plans for financing the scheme have been proposed. One is that the State do the work, assessing the cost on the cities and towns benefited. Another plan is for the State to construct the lake and reimburse itself by the sale of water and power. It is also said that a number of Morristown and New York capitalists are ready to finance such a scheme at any time the State gives them permission.

ROB GIRL CASHIER IN STREET. Five Things Get Away With \$1,400 in Satchel, but Are Captured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Miss Margaret Gates, a cashier for the A. G. Morris Candy Company, 42-44 North Halstead street, while on her way from a downtown bank to the office of the company with a satchel containing \$1,400 was attacked and choked by five armed highwaymen at West Lake and Halstead streets at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

One of the men seized Miss Gates by the throat and pulled her into a passageway. Another snatched the satchel from her hand. A third man struck her on the head and knocked her down.

The robbers ran north in Halstead street, but were captured by five detectives of the central station after several shots had been fired.

MORE GLORY FOR MCCARREN. To Be Presented With His Own Portrait by the Democratic Club.

Comptroller Herman A. Metz has been selected President of the Kings County Democratic Club in Brooklyn. The other officers are: Dr. James H. McCabe, vice-president; William S. Hurley, treasurer; J. Herbert Watson, secretary; George J. S. Dowling, chairman of the executive committee; and Edward J. Connelly, chairman of entertainment committee. The board of directors of the club have planned for a big reception to Senator P. H. McCarren on January 11, on which occasion he is to be presented with a fine portrait of himself, about the time Senator McCarren's trial for heresy will be in full swing.

State Board of Censors Meets. ALBANY, Dec. 15.—The State Board of Censors met to-day and adjourned last Monday. The returns of the last session will be canvassed and signed by the members of the board on Tuesday.

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IN SOCIETY.

From now on until New Year's affairs for debutantes will absorb attention. Thus far the debutante entertainments have not been as expensive or extensive as those of last winter.

Mrs. Charles Edward Tracy will give the second of a series of three teas for her daughter, Miss Grace Bigelow Tracy, next Thursday afternoon, December 20, at the home of her father, John Bigelow, 21 Gramercy Park. The third will be a week later. Miss Tracy had a dinner dance given for her on Thursday night by her aunt, Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, which was one of the smartest functions thus far in the season. Red was the prevailing color scheme.

The wedding of Miss Beatrice Kobbé and Raymond Demorest Little will take place on Tuesday afternoon, January 8, at All Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church, West End avenue and Eighty-first street. The Rev. Dr. S. DeLancey Townsend will perform the ceremony at 4 o'clock. Miss Beatrice Kobbé was attended by her sister as maid of honor and the Misses Helen Clucas, Margaret Behr, Elsie Little, Alice Demorest, Florence M. Waterbury and Gladys Waterbury will be bridesmaids. Arthur West Little will assist his brother as best man and G. M. W. Kobbé, J. Donald Morrow, Eltinge Warner and Beale Wright of Boston and Frederick Husey of Allegheny will be ushers. There will be no reception.

Mrs. Frederic Neilson is staying this winter at the Collingwood in West Thirty-fifth street. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis H. Hunnewell, who make their country place at Wellesley, Mass., their headquarters, spent much time here with Mrs. Neilson. Mrs. Neilson, who is looking very well since her return from Europe, wore a lovely gown of pale mauve satin brocade at the opera on Wednesday night. She will go abroad, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hunnewell, on January 5.

The Countess Strafford, who has been passing some weeks in Tuxedo, now plans to remain here over the Christmas holidays. Countess Festetics has returned to town from Closter, N. J. Count Stanislaus and Countess de Castellane de Paris were at the Holland House last week. Sir John and Lady Madlen and their daughters and the Baroness Hammerstein-Dirkens arrived on Wednesday from Europe. Marquis Villars has attended some of the debutante functions of the week. Lord and Lady Suffolk sailed on Wednesday on the Celtic to pass their Christmas holidays at their place in England.

Miss Lucy Margaret Roosevelt, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Emlen Roosevelt, has assisted at about all of the big debutante teas thus far. She goes on to Washington for Christmas week, and will be in the receiving line at the reception given by President and Mrs. Roosevelt on January 1. Her uncle, Senator Keat, has cards out for a dance he will give in her honor on January 15.

The wedding of Miss Madeline Ives Goddard with the Marquis René d'Andigné of France is set for Saturday, December 23, at the residence of the bride's parents, Col. and Mrs. Robert H. Ives Goddard, Hopeton House, Providence. Miss Goddard, a daughter of the late General Goddard, is devoted to athletic sports, will make a handsome bride.

One of the very smart functions of the week will be the dinner dance given by Mrs. Charles B. Alexander at her home, 4 West Fifty-eighth street, next Thursday night, December 20, for her debutante daughter, Miss Harriet Alexander. A large number of the guests will be entertained at dinners given by Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, Mrs. R. Livingston Beekman, Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting, Mrs. Charles Henry Coster and Mrs. John E. Alexander, Mrs. Charles D. Dickey, Mrs. Frank Spencer Witherbee and Mrs. Archibald Rogers, will receive.

The dances on this week are chiefly young people's affairs. Mrs. Charles William Roney will give a dance for her debutante daughter, Miss Emma Langworthy Roney, on Thursday night at Dodworth's. Mrs. J. Henry Dick will give a dance for her daughters, the Misses Julia Dick and Doris Dick, at her home, 20 East Fifty-third street, on Friday night.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James B. Watson, now on their honeymoon, will live on their return at Broadway and 137th street. After the wedding, on Tuesday afternoon, a dinner was served at the Hotel Marselle. The bridegroom is associate pastor of St. Thomas's Church, and his brothers, one of whom read the marriage lines and the other acted as best man, are both clergymen, the Rev. E. A. Watson having a parish at Newark, N. J., and the Rev. William A. Watson at Riverhead, L. I. The bride was formerly Mrs. Hicks, widow of William Taylor Hicks.

Cards are here for the wedding next Saturday of Miss Alice Edwards Colby and Charles Edward Bischoff of England, and to be celebrated at the country home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Colby, Newby Centre, Mass.

The first of the series of Astor dances for this season was given Friday evening in the large ball room of the Hotel Astor. The patronesses, Mrs. Charles Braxmar, Mrs. M. T. Conover, Mrs. Thomas Lewis, Mrs. R. P. Barber, Mrs. H. Higgins, Mrs. E. B. Sweet and Mrs. A. Waitt, received.

Mrs. Francis Forbes of 8 West Fifty-sixth street gave a tea Friday afternoon, when she introduced her daughter, Miss Adele Forbes, who wore a costume of white chiffon and lace and carried pink flowers.

The National Society Daughters of the Empire State will hold its December social next Thursday afternoon at the Waldorf-Astoria. The menu of the day is arranged by Mrs. Sylvester F. Gascoigne.

The engagement is announced of Miss May Tuckerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, to G. Hermann Kinnicut, son of Dr. and Mrs. Francis P. Kinnicut.

The first of the Knickerbocker dances for this winter was given Friday night at Delmonico's. There was a large attendance of members and guests. Among others who attended were Dr. and Mrs. Henry Clarke Coe, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Brown, Miss Frank E. Barker, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Fawcett, Mrs. Henry Farman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ernest Foye, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Griffen, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus W. Green, Dr. and Mrs. James Manning Kent, Mr. and Mrs. D. Chase Mollison, Dr. and Mrs. Wendell C. Phillips, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Robertson, Dr. and Mrs. Frederic J. Swift, Dr. and Mrs. Bentley Squier, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Elijah W. Sells, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wayland Smith.

D. Herbert Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis G. Lloyd, gave his bachelor dinner Friday night at Delmonico's. Among his guests were Owen Winston, Berton G. Pentice, Milton Hitchcock and Frederick

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tain a dinner company on Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherrill of New York were the guests of honor at dinner this evening of Commodore and Mrs. Richardson Clover. John R. McLean entertained at a dinner dance this evening in honor of Miss Evelyn Chew, a debutante of this season. Thirty covers were laid for dinner and about 150 of the young people had a cotillon afterward. The Naval Attaché of the German Embassy and Madam Heblinghaus entertained at dinner this evening.

WASHINGTON SOCIETY NOTES. Dinner in Honor of President and Mrs. Roosevelt—Secretary Root Entertains. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Robinson of New York, brother-in-law and sister of the President, arrived in Washington this morning for a week end visit at the White House, farm near Newport. The Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks entertained at dinner this evening in honor of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, the first of the series of dinners at which the Chief Executive and the first lady of the land are the guests of honor. Invited to meet them were the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Miss Cannon, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Justice and Mrs. William R. Day, the American Ambassador to England and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Senator and Mrs. Hale, Senator Daniel, Senator and Mrs. Blackburn, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shaw, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, Gen. and Mrs. John W. Foster, Bishop Earl Cranston and Mrs. Cranston, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Mrs. Philip Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Hausen, Miss Amy McMillan, Mrs. Cassidy, mother of Mrs. Warren Fairbanks, Gov. Murphy of New Jersey, Mr. George Ade and Lieut. and Mrs. John W. Timmons. The Secretary of State and Mrs. Root entertained at dinner this evening. Mrs. Taft, wife of the Secretary of War, will leave to-morrow for New York, where she will remain for a few days shopping. Mrs. Katherine Elkins and her guest, Mrs. James Keruochan of New York, returned to-day from a trip in the country in Maryland, where they were members of a house party. Mrs. Keruochan, who has spent the last week in the Elkins home in this city, will remain until some time next week. Senator and Mrs. Elkins will enter

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