NO TENDERFOOT CHRISTIAN

SAM DAVIS OF RENO OBJECTS TO A NEW BRAND.

Has Always Been Good, He Says, Although His Brother Bob Is a Magazine Editor in New York--Tells Tales of Mark Twain and Early Journalism on the Comstock.

RENO, Nev., Feb. 15.--Sam Davis is still active in his crusade against the gambling places of this town, but he is indignant because the stories telegraphed from here in the last few days have reported his present zeal to be the result of his recent conversion to religion.

"I have always been a religious person," he said to THE SUN correspondent, "but owing to several facts the world has shown reluctance in accepting me as a truly strenuous gospeller. In the first place, I am the son of a minister, and a cynical generation has come to accept that as a reason why I should not be zealously religious. In the next place I am constantly referred to as the *Carson Appeal* humorist. Now, as a matter of fact, I am as serious minded an editor as ever cursed the paper trust and as godly, and even if I were a humorist is that a reason I should be considered ungodly?

"There is one reason, I admit, which justifies people in supposing that I am not a strictly moral person--my brother Bob is a magazine editor in New York. But I always opposed Bob's going East. I warned him nothing good could come of it, and I have taught my children to pray that their Uncle Bob should be shown the error of his way, turn from the paths of magazine editorship and seek some reputable means of earning his daily bread."

Upon the promise of THE SUN man correctly to report him as one who has always dwelt in the tents of the righteous and is not a recent convert, Mr. Davis agreed to recall some stories of early days of Comstock journalism, stories the telling of which has made him the most popular after dinner speaker in the State.

"I went to Virginia City," said Mr. Davis, "as the new reporter on the *Chronicle* there when the Comstock bonanza was just opening up. One of my fellow reporters was Arthur McEwen; my editor was Denis McCarthy and on the staff of our hated rival, the *Enterprise*, were Dan de Quille, Rollin M. Daggett and Charley Goodwin.

"Every person I have named afterward became famous--at least pretty well known throughout the country, as did another member of that gang who left just before I went there--Sam Clemens.

"Well, sir, they were all a brainy, husky lot and every one of them could write a bit, I tell you. Sam Clemens tried hard to get any or all of them to follow him East, but they loved the Comstock. Clemens did publish a book of Dan de Quille's, but their work belonged to those bleak hills, just as they did.

"And truly, that spur of the Sierra Nevadas out of which $200,000,000 in gold and silver was mined was a pretty bleak proposition.

"But a German came out there, and not caring for the mines started a little brewery on the eastern fringe of the town, a place called Six Mile Cañon. He found that if he put water on that sage brush land it would grow anything, and he did grow a lot of vegetables which were worth their weight in silver.

"One Sunday Clemens, De Quille, Goodwin, Daggett and McCarthy set off to take a long walk and came upon the little brewery and the garden. Seated in the shade of the icehouse they tried the beer and found it good. Then Clemens discovered the onions and climbed a fence to get some.

"I read about Mark Twain attending $10 a plate dinners in New York these days, but from what his companions have told me of the rhapsodies he uttered over those fresh sprout onions they tasted better to him than any of the millionaire club feeds he takes these days.

"Well, Dan de Quille was told off to jolly the brewer, so that he would not mark down too many rounds of beer; Daggett, who could offhand talk better poetry than most poets write these days, was told off to jolly bread and butter from the brewer's wife, Clemens swiped onions, and the party sat there all day.

"After that, on hot summer nights, they made it a habit to go to the brewery for supper, returning to town later, as Clemens said, 'to call on our fashionable friends with the breaths of buzzards and otherwise refreshed and uplifted.'

"You will understand that in those days Sam Clemens did anything on the paper he was told to. It is a settled routine in mining camp journalism to give a free writeup to any new enterprise. When Ormsdorff and McGee opened their new places, which became the most famous saloon and gambling house on the Coast, McCarthy told Clemens to give the new concern a good writeup. The firm, also following mining camp custom, had sent to each editorial room a case of assorted wines and liquors. Clemens stood all the bottles in a row and began studying the labels. There were many strange foreign names of makers, of places and of contents, and the reporter began to chuckle over the use he saw that he could make of them. Daggett told me that he called for Clemens to go to the brewery, and finding him at work on the writeup read the copy as it was produced, and that Mark Twain never wrote anything funnier than that story.

"The next day was a busy one and Clemens did not have a chance to look at his story until the edition was run off. He was a bit eager to see it, too, for Daggett had billed the story very handsomely about town the night before. He almost fainted when he read a brief colorless notice of the Ormsdorff and McGee opening, followed by a pricelist-like enumeration of the case of wines and liquor.

"The printer who set up the story declared that only a man in the very middle of a mad frenzy of drunkenness could have written the copy he took off the hook, so to save Clemens's reputation he had straightened out the foolish yarn.

"I have told you that those men loved the Comstock. Well, a silk hat mining expert went out there with letters from the Rothschilds and a dozen other big people. He was kicking from the time he arrived, and fell on all sides to make a hit, but Goodwin, who owned the *Enterprise* and was an important man socially, entertained the fellow at dinner. He had the gang all there.

"Over the cigars and black coffee the silk hatter looked around him and then said: 'I've really been impressed, gentlemen, by your views. I will confess that I have been surprised. You have talked of art, literature, the philosophers, statesmen, all charmingly. I am compelled to ask, then, how in the name of heaven can you, men of sense, of intelligence, of refinement, bear the awful, the deadening, dreary death in life of living in these black, barren, God-forsaken hills? I ask you!'

"McCarthy has often told me he would give a thousand dollars for a shorthand report of the speeches which followed.

"Those men, young, lusty, brainy, imaginative, loved those hills as only such men could after living among them long enough to come under the influence of their rugged grandeur, their mighty strength, the splendid, uncompromising dignity and aloofness of it all. And besides, they didn't like the silk hatter even before he had spoken slightingly of the mountains they loved.

"Sam Clemens got enough command of his temper to answer him first. He tried satire on the man, begging him to consider that they were simple folk, with souls too unawakened to the beautiful to be much affected by the surrounding ugliness.

"Dan de Quille followed with childlike fun directed at the tenderfoot, who began to get wise. Denis McCarthy, being Irish, lost all control of his temper and slammed into the now startled guest.

"Charlie Goodwin followed with some sharp sarcasm, and all the time the rage in the bosom of Rollin Daggett was swelling till his shirt front fairly bowed.

"The guest rose rather hastily to depart. Daggett never spoke till the man was no longer under Goodwin's roof, but followed him out under the stars and then suddenly burst out, 'Damn you, sir, take off your hat!'

"The man did.

"'Now turn your eyes up to those stars, nearer to man here than anywhere else on earth; turn your eyes to the top of Mount Davidson, proud, faithful, lonely sentinel of all the ages; turn your eyes over there to where that fleecy drift of silver shows the snow capped tops of the distant Humboldt range.'

"Well, Daggett preached a poem sermon an hour long in which he demonstrated that an atom was Mount Davidson in size compared to the soul of the man who had eyes to see such beauties yet saw them not.

"At the end Daggett said: 'Now, go home and repent.'

"The man started off with his hat still in his hand, but Sam Clemens drawled out, 'I suggest, Dagg, that you let the gentle stranger put on his hat or he'll take such a cold he won't live until to-morrow to repent, and if he doesn't repent for not liking our scenery he'll go where it is said to be even less lovely than he thinks this is.'

"Yes," concluded Mr. Davis, "there were men on the Comstock in those days, and you can see from my yarns that I was not the only genius doing simple newspaper stunts there. Don't forget to deny that I am a recent convert to goodness, sweetness and truth. I have ever clung to them too closely to have been in danger of a backslide."

NEW STREET CAR SERVICE.

Changes That Follow the Seperate Receivership.

Judge Lacombe of the United States Circuit Court filed a memorandum yesterday afternoon announcing the changes in car service consequent upon the separate receiverships of the Third Avenue Railroad Company on the one hand and the Forty-second Street, Manhattanville, and St. Nicholas Avenue line on the other.

Receiver Whitridge announces that hereafter the cars of the latter road will be run only on that particular line. The result will be that the Boulevard cars which formerly continued down Broadway on the tracks of the Metropolitan will now turn east through Forty-second street to the ferries. The receivers for the Metropolitan system say that enough additional cars will be put on Broadway below Forty-second street to make up for the cars thus diverted. Transfers from one road to the other may be obtained at Sixty-fifth street and Forty-second street.

The additional cars put on by Messrs. Robinson and Joline will run down Amsterdam avenue from 125th street--the service on Amsterdam and Sixth avenues remaining unchanged. These additional cars will continue down the old Amsterdam avenue route to Seventy-first street, down the Boulevard to Sixty-fifth street and down Ninth avenue to Fifty-third street, where they will turn east to Seventh avenue and thence down to Broadway.

Judge Lacombe summarizes the effect of the changes as follows: "The net result of these changes will be that on the Boulevard to Forty-second street and on Broadway south from Forty-second street the number of cars run will be the same as heretofore. On Forty-second street and thence to the East Side ferries the number will be materially increased. On Amsterdam avenue and down to Forty-second street the number of cars in service will also be materially increased and a passenger taking a car on Amsterdam avenue will be able to select one which will give an uninterrupted ride to either the Sixth avenue or Broadway shopping and theatre district as he may prefer.

"The service from the West Side down will thus be materially increased and will be rendered under conditions which make the two lines, Amsterdam and Boulevard, competitors of each other, each solicitous to attract passengers from the other by more efficient and comfortable service. Under the changed conditions residents of the West Side on the line of the Boulevard will have to walk a block further to reach a car which will take them down Broadway below Forty-second street, but those residents on the line of Amsterdam avenue will be able to find such a car by walking a block less. It would seem that inconveniences and conveniences will fairly balance each other, and since the service as a whole will be increased the proposed changes are approved."

GIFTS TO DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW

With a Reminder to Two Sons in F. W. Seagrist's Will.

The will of Francis William Seagrist filed for probate yesterday contains a provision reading:

"Since husbands do not have forethought enough to provide for the future maintenance of their wives I give and bequeath unto Letta Harmon Seagrist, wife of Clarence E. Seagrist, the sum of $2,000, and I also give and bequeath unto Emma Elizabeth Seagrist, wife of Royal Harry Seagrist, the sum of $2,000."

The two legatees are daughters-in-law of the testator, who died on February 12. He was a dealer in second hand building materials.

Lawyer A. T. Davison, who filed the will, states in the petition that the property owned by the decedent amounts to about $30,000. The will names the son Clarence Edgar Seagrist as an executor, with Charles H. Southard, Louis H. Kircher and George M. La Branch. They are directed to hold the testator's stock in his firm in trust for a year and then dispose of it at private or public sale.

Mr. La Branch, a son-in-law, and Frederick E. Wright also receive $2,000 each under the will, and the widow, Ida May Seagrist, inherits the Seagrist home and effects at 17 Livingston place. The residuary estate is to be divided into eight equal parts, of which Mrs. Seagrist will get three and each of the testator's five children one part.

MRS. BALMFORTH'S WILL FILED.

Relatives Object to Provisions, Contending Woman Was of Unsound Mind.

The will of Elizabeth Balmforth, who was a collateral descendant of Aaron Burr, was offered for probate at Surrogate's Court in Saratoga yesterday. Messrs. Rockwood and Salisbury of Saratoga Springs represent the proponents of the will and William D. McNulty of this city, as attorney for some relatives of Mrs. Balmforth living here, offered objections to the probate.

The estate disposed of by the will amounts to about $200,000, comprising chiefly real estate in Danbury, Conn., and in New York city and Saratoga. The will provides among other things that the property, except some small bequests, is to be placed in a trust for the assistance of laborers in Danbury who are unable to obtain employment. The men are to work cracking stone for streets in Danbury, while old and infirm women are to have a house built for them to be called the Ladies' Home.

The objections to the will are that the deceased woman was not of sound mind and was unduly influenced to make her will, and also that the provisions of the will itself are invalid. The contestants expect to show that Mrs. Balmforth made provision for persons in her will who died years before its execution and that she herself attended their funerals.

TO BRIDGE THE RIO GRANDE.

Americans Buy Mexican Car Line to Start New Trolley System.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.--A syndicate of St. Louis men headed by Col. S. V. Fordyce closed a deal to-day for the purchase of the Matamoras and Santa Cruz Railway, which runs from the ferry landing on the Rio Grande, opposite Brownsville, to the city of Matamoras, a distance of three miles.

The property was purchased from Francisco Armendis of Monterey. It is a horse car line but will now be equipped with electricity and extended. The new owners will also build a bridge across the Rio Grande.

CHINESE ART OBJECTS SHOWN

RARE THINGS IN THE COLLECTION OF MRS. E. H. CONGER

Purchased After the Riot of Looting Which Distinguished the Relief of the Legations--One Remarkable Object a Bell From the Agricultural Palace.

It is a singularly interesting collection of Chinese objects of art and utility which was opened to public view yesterday in the galleries of the American Art Association, where it will remain for the inspection of the interested public until the dispersal by public auction, which begins on Wednesday.

In this instance the cataloguers might well have dispensed with the word collection, inasmuch as this assemblage of Mrs. Edwin H. Conger's art property is not the slow aggregation of years of indulgence in the collector's hobby but represents the timely purchases of a practical woman with a taste for the beautiful who found herself at an unlooked for emergency in an exceptionally favorable position to obtain objects in which all the world is interested, either from artistic motives or through common curiosity regarding the life and works of a people of wonderful history.

Put directly, these thousand articles which at present make the American Art Galleries beautiful with grace of form and delicacy or resplendence of color are loot, are a part of the enormous loot of the Pekin palaces at the time of the last Boxer uprising. With occasional pieces of loot every visitor to art sales or exhibitions is familiar, but such a miniature illustration of loot en masse as is here presented probably has not been offered in New York before. When soldiers of those armies of the world rifled the palaces of royalty and of the nobles on their expedition for the relief of the legations in Pekin and then put up at auction the precious heterogeny Mrs. Conger, the American Minister's wife, went into this curiously fascinating market and bought what attracted her. Here it is displayed not in the mixed mess in which she found the odd, the quaint or the beautiful objects, but all carefully disposed to captivate the eye, to display their great or modest merits or to offer themselves to the studious inspection of the discriminating.

Bronze, brass and iron take their places with mandarin buttons and gorgeous robes of silk, of ostrich feathers, of intricate gold embroidery, with porcelains and potteries and enamels, with captured flags and strange Chinese weapons. A fierce chain bastinado, the Chinese improvement on the policeman's club, hangs beside an ugly grapple with which the Celestials haul in men with as little compunction as a fisherman rakes clams or spears eels.

Of gentler import is a porcelain statuette of the Chinese Goddess of Mercy, who--perhaps significantly--presides also over the destiny of brides. This Buddhistic goddess, Kwan-Yin, has by some been held to be the prototype of the Roman Catholic conception of the Virgin Mary. With the statuette of the goddess there are the symbolical pillows, representative of the bride and the bridegroom, which usually form one of the most important of wedding gifts.

In brass there are several unusual pieces of heavy mould, besides a great bell from the agricultural palace, a bell of many facets, which was struck from the outside by a beating stick, each facet returning a sound of different tone, when the Emperor performed his annual ceremony of ploughing a furrow in commemoration of his duty as Son of Heaven to protect his people and cause the earth to fructify for their well being. Nearby is another great bell of iron whose tongue struck when the bell was swayed by the wind, and, unusual among the great number of gongs which come here from the Orient, there are two large gongs of iron which are attuned as chimes and give as rich and agreeable tones as the familiar gongs of bronze.

Among the porcelains is a beautiful dish of the K'ang-hai period, of saucer shape, decorated under the glaze in blue lotus scrolls, which immediately catches the eyes of those who admire the fine blue and white pieces of this period. The numbers of fine porcelains which come (along with the bad) with the succession of the years into the public markets bring mystification to the many inexpert admirers of the ancient Chinese potter's art who are told continually that these objects are rare. How can they be, the sceptical ask, when so many of them keep coming along? Or is it that we are being fooled to the very limit by manifold, persistent reproductions?

A prominent diplomat now here, whose duties have taken him among other places into the capitals of the Far East, found the answer to these questions not long ago in the course of a visit to Mukden.

"I was astonished," he said, "at a little information which I received incidentally while on that visit. I was asked if I would not like to inspect the royal palace there, which the Emperor of China for a long time has only visited on rare occasions, and of course I accepted the invitation gladly. I was shown through room after room, hall after hall, of the great palace, and in every one of them the profusion of these magnificent porcelains was bewildering. In many they were so numerous that they seemed merely to be stored there as in warerooms.

"I asked my conductor why, since this palace was so rarely visited, the authorities did not send some of the rare and beautiful pieces up to Pekin to replace some of the treasures which had been looted at different times from those palaces. For I knew something of the Pekin treasures. I had been in the Forbidden City before the last sacking, but it seemed to me that never there had I seen such marvelously beautiful objects as filled these apartments at Mukden to overflowing.

"My conductor perceived my evident lack of knowledge of the richness of China in these porcelains. Said he: 'Why, a little while ago we made a small selection of porcelains from a palace only nine miles from Pekin to be sent as a royal present to another palace, and how many do you think we selected? When we counted them there were 104,000 of them.' That tells the story."

Among the curious things in Mrs. Conger's collection are two small silver canisters of fine Pekoe tea which was put up for the Emperor's use. They were taken from the imperial palace. There are thumb rings of jade and jade holders for the peacock's feather decoration which the Emperor bestows on those whom he wishes to honor and there are hair ornaments of jade. A mandarin's necklace is of the sacred wood Ka-nam, which grows in the bed of the sea. This one has 108 beads and is adorned with turquoise and amethyst and coral and with silver gilt pendants inlaid with kingfisher plumes.

In the gallery where are hung the rich robes and the rolls of rare silk the eye can revel in color from the stunning imperial yellow and wonderfully rich vermilion to the quietest of neutral tones. And over in a corner is a robe made for a mandarin baby which sets the hearts of the women visitors to the gallery a-flutter.

REALIZED ON STOLEN BOOKS.

Mrs. Myer Returned Them by Mail and Dealers Sent Price to Her.

Mrs. Rose Myer of 812 Second avenue was held in $500 bail for Special Sessions by Magistrate Corrigan in the Tombs police court yesterday charged with stealing a book worth 50 cents from a publishing concern in West Twenty-third street. A representative of the firm said that for some time the woman had been stealing from their shop. She would afterward return the book by mail, saying she had bought it but did not want it. The firm then would send her the money for the book.

"Your Honor," said Mrs. Myer, "I took the book, but I couldn't help it. The desire for me to steal is overpowering."

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MILLIONS FOR UP-STATE BOYS

FUND TO SEND CLINTON COUNTY LADS TO COLLEGE.

Will of Loyal L. Smith, Who Left $5,000,000, Directs That Most of It Be Used to Create a Fund the Income of Which Shall Be Applied to Education.

The will of Loyal L. Smith of Plattsburg, who died at Atlantic City a week ago, provides for the creation of a fund to be known as the Loyal L. Smith educational endowment, the income of which is to be employed for the education of certain boys in accordance with conditions which the will sets forth.

An estate of probably $5,000,000 is involved. The will, which was drawn last December by the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, which will act as the trustee of the estate, after naming bequests to various charities and to relatives of upward of $1,000,000, directs that all the remainder of the estate be held by the company named, which is to invest and reinvest at its discretion and to pay over all income for the education and support of boys and young men of Clinton county, New York, under the direction of an administrative board. The board is to consist of the presidents "for the time being" of Yale University, Princeton University, Cornell University, Williams College and Union College, or their delegates. The secretary of the board is to be the president of Union College and the treasurer the title company. Any boy desiring the benefit of this endowment is to make application to the board in writing, giving full particulars about himself, but no application is to be considered so long as there is before the board an application from one who has been at least five years preceding a resident of Clinton county, or if not then in good faith an actual resident one whose parents actually reside there in good faith and have so resided for at least ten years continuously. Each application must be approved by a committee consisting of the County Judge of Clinton county, the Mayor of the city of Plattsburg and the president at any time of the Merchants National Bank of Plattsburg. The majority of the committee members must certify to the good moral character and worth of the applicant. The board has the power to reject applications at its discretion.

The purpose of this endowment is to provide for either education in preparation for college or the usual college education, or both, for any applicant, and to support and maintain the beneficiaries of such fund during the time that they are actually and in good faith students in the college or school to which they may be assigned. The preparatory education is limited to three years and the college education to four years of the undergraduate course of any college in the United States.

The applicants furthermore are to be personally examined by the board, and the boys who are fortunate enough to pass the requirements will receive tuition fees and the books and supplies necessary for their maintenance and support while beneficiaries. The administrators are directed to keep a sufficient number of appointees in schools to dispose of the income provided.

Mr. Smith was a native of Plattsburg who became prominent in Wall Street in the late '90s and early part of this century. He figured as a minor member of the Chicago crowd headed by Gates and Drake. In 1903 he was credited with having cleaned up from $5,000,000 to $10,000,000, largely in American Steel and Wire.

INVALID SISTERS KILLED BY GAS.

Mary and Nellie Cullen Dead in Their Room When Boarder Broke In.

Mary and Nellie Cullen, sisters, 38 and 38 years old respectively, were asphyxiated by gas in their room at 213 East Fifty-second street yesterday. Both women were invalids, Nellie remaining in bed most of the time.

Yesterday about noon John Parklow, a boarder, smelled gas and forcing open the door to the women's room discovered that they were dead. Nellie was lying on the floor and Mary was in bed. Gas was escaping from a small gas stove.

A search revealed the fact that the sisters had only 70 cents between them. The police however think their deaths were accidental.

The house where the sisters lived is kept by Thomas Kane. The women came there about three weeks ago and engaged the room. It is thought one of the sisters may have wakened and smelled the gas and been overcome while trying to get to the window.

A NATIONAL MILK UNION.

To Include All Workers Who Handle Dairy Products.

According to Samuel A. Stodel, general organizer of the Industrial Workers of the World, who is now in New York, his organization has started in to form a national union of every one employed in the milk industry. He said yesterday that about 12,000 have already been organized in the West, including drivers, churners, stablemen, bottlers and herders.

"About 40 per cent. of the drivers are now organized in New York," he said. "We are getting the drivers into the union first and then we will go for the other branches. The work of organization began later in the East than in the West, but we will keep right on organizing until the union is complete. The question of demands is not being considered now. Nothing will be done in that way until the union is in good shape."

Women Teachers Plead With the Governor.

ALBANY, Feb. 15.--Gov. Hughes gave an informal hearing at the Executive Chamber this afternoon to eight representatives of the women teachers of the New York city schools, headed by Miss Grace C. Strachan, urging the passage of the bill pending in the Legislature to give equal pay for equal work to men and women.

After hearing what the teachers had to say Gov. Hughes told them that all he could say with regard to the proposed legislation was that if it came before him he would study it and deal with it in the manner which he thought was right.

$3,427,510 Claim Against the State.

ALBANY, Feb. 15.--The Fulton Light, Heat and Power Company and Milton J. Wagner to-day filed a bill against the State of $3,427,510 for nearly two acres of land in Fulton and Oswego counties, the property of the company, which was taken by the State for the barge canal. The State took the site of the company's power plant, and it is alleged the canal will ruin its water rights and cause it to break its contract for supplying light, heat and power.

NEW BRIDGE SYSTEM DEFENDED.

Commissioner Stevenson and His Engineer Say It's an Improvement.

Commissioner Stevenson and Chief Engineer Ingersoll of the Bridge Department do not agree with Chief Engineer Seaman of the Public Service Commission that the new system of through trains over Brooklyn Bridge has turned out a failure and that better accommodation will be provided by restoring the old shuttle trains in the rush hours.

Mr. Ingersoll in a report made public yesterday said that it was never contended that the through car service would do away with crowding at the bridge terminal in the rush hours, but, he asserted, the new system had done away to a great extent with the delay and interruption to the through service caused by the running of local trains and that as a result there was now a more even distribution of traffic and less discomfort to passengers crossing the bridge.

Mr. Ingersoll admitted that as yet there were many shortcomings in the system, but, he explained, these would be largely eliminated when the additional improvements contemplated were carried out. These are the improvements described by Mr. Ingersoll:

The installation of signals across the Brooklyn Bridge which will provide for the proper spacing of trains, which is under contract.

The decreasing of the open spaces between car platform and station platform to permit of the more rapid loading of passengers on to the elevated cars; and also railings to more evenly distribute the crowd.

The reconstruction of the yard at the Brooklyn end to permit of the more prompt and efficient handling of trains as they arrive from Brooklyn going onto the bridge and leaving the Brooklyn Bridge to their respective lines in Brooklyn.

The installation of improved interlocking mechanism to provide for the more prompt operation of switches and signals.

The report made by Mr. Seaman to the Public Service Commission made Commissioner Stevenson hot under the collar. "The Public Service Commission," he said yesterday, "has accomplished nothing itself, and is apparently unable to do anything except to criticise what others have accomplished. The plan now in operation was worked out by such experts as Prof. Burr, William Barclay Parsons, Mr McCormack of the New York Central engineering staff and Mr. Ingersoll, while Mr. Seaman, who condemns their plan, is only a construction engineer and cannot be classed as a transportation expert.

"We never expected that the new plan would prevent crowding at the bridge terminal. Even if the service should be sufficient to give every passenger a seat there would still be crowding in the rush hours, but I do think that we have devised a plan which is going to be successful in providing for a more rapid movement of the bridge traffic."

HORTON PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Orange Lawyer Denies That He Embezzled $20,500 From His Employers.

A plea of not guilty to five indictments charging him with the embezzlement of $20,500 from the National Phonograph Company of West Orange was entered by Capt. Nathan C. Horton of the Fifth Regiment of New Jersey in the Quarter Sessions Court, Newark, yesterday. Mr. Horton is a lawyer and lives at 116 Alden street, Orange. His case was set down for trial April 30 and bail was fixed at $18,500. It was furnished.

Chandler W. Riker appeared as counsel for Horton and in entering a plea said: "We stipulate that it is not to affect our right to make a motion to quash these indictments." Prosecutor Young agreed and Horton pleaded not guilty. The bond was drawn and ten minutes after the accused man had entered the court room he was on his way out again.

It is set forth that the defendant had charge of the collection of certain money which he is said to have embezzled. It is alleged that on May 29, 1906, he embezzled $1,000; on June 18, $4,000; on July 17, $5,000; on October 3, $2,500; on October 12, $8,000. Horton received from his employers money to purchase property in West Orange for an extension of Thomas A. Edison's manufacturing interests and it is alleged that he converted the money to his own use.

NEW CHAMBERS FOR JUSTICES.

Burned Wing of Brooklyn Court House May Have Two Additional Stories.

The second floor of the Williamsburg Trust Company's building on Fulton street opposite the Borough Hall in Brooklyn was rented yesterday for use as Justices' chambers until the necessary repairs are made in the Livingston street end of the County Court House, which was badly damaged by fire on Friday afternoon.

Supt. Lawrence of the public offices and buildings had a corps of men at work all Friday night and yesterday putting in shape the parts of the Court House which were flooded, and last night reported to President Coler that business could be resumed as usual to-morrow.

Mr. Coler and all the Justices are in agreement that the Livingston street wing of the Court House should be remodelled and two additional stories built, so as to furnish the necessary accommodations. Mr. Coler will make this recommendation to the Board of Estimate.

SHAM WAR AT MOLINO DEL REY.

Mexican Troops Are Exercised on the Famous Battlefield.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.--Military manœuvres on a large scale have been conducted this week upon the famous battlefield of Molino del Rey under orders from President Diaz. The officers in command of the several military departments of the country were here to witness the manœuvres, which were in charge of Brig.-Gen. Manuel Mondragon.

The efficiency and strength of the army were severely tested and the results obtained are said to have been highly satisfactory to the War Department.

Mrs. A. I. du Pont a Lady Bountiful.

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 15.--Mrs. Alfred I. du Pont of this city, wife of the vice-president of the Du Pont Powder Company, has for several days been making large gifts of coal, provisions, clothing, &c., to needy families in Wilmington and vicinity. The value of the supplies distributed will amount to several thousand dollars.

There are about 9,000 unemployed men hereabout.

Killed by a Burglar.

YORK, Pa., Feb. 15.--David Heckert, 82 years old, living on East Market street, was murdered by a burglar this morning. Heckert was said to be worth about $100,000.

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$15.00 reduced from $25.00
Women's Separate Wool Dress Skirts—Black and colors—
$9.75
reduced from $15.00 and $18.00

LACES—Special—45 inch Ring dot and plain filet, in white, cream and arabe—
75c and 89c
Imitation Irish Crochet allovers, 19 inches wide—
98c value $1.49

SILK PETTICOATS
Taffeta Silk, accordion pleating, finished with bias ruffle—colors and black—
$4.98
Taffeta Silk, shirred and tucked flounce, with ruffle—all the new shades and black—
$6.50

HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR
Big reductions in broken lines of Winter underwear, for Men, Women and Children.
HOSIERY—Women's Lisle Thread or Egyptian Balbriggan "Rock Dye"—Fast Black Hose, in medium or gossamer weights, extra splicing; also silk embroidered Lisle or Balbriggan.
35c reduced from 50c and 75c

GLOVES—16 button French Chamois Gloves, white and yellow—special—per pair—
$2.25

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Men's High Grade Footwear
In Four Leading Styles
All Sizes in Each Style
The Grandest Shoe Values Ever Offered at the Price.
All These Shoes Are Strictly This Season's Goods and on Up-to-date Lasts.

Men's French Enamel, Double Sole, Medium Toe, $6.00 Blucher, at $3.85
Men's French Enamel, Single Sole, Kid Top, Straight Last, Lace Shoe, $5.00 at $3.85
Men's French Calf Button Shoe, $6.00 at $3.85
Men's Heavy Double Sole French Calf Button Shoe, $6.00 at $3.85
We Also Offer a number of pairs Double Sole, Calf Lined, $6.00 and $7.00 Lace Shoes (broken sizes), at $3.85

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The
Fifth Avenue Art Galleries
"SILO BUILDING"
546 Fifth Ave. (45th St.)
MR. JAMES P. SILO, AUCTIONEER.
Mr. Benjamin Benguiat
DESIRES TO CALL SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT IN HIS FORTHCOMING EXHIBITION AND SALE AT THE ABOVE GALLERIES (WEEKS MARCH 14 TO 28) THERE WILL BE SHOWN AMONG THE COLLECTION OF TAPESTRIES THE FAMOUS
Marquand Masterpiece,
"The Liberation of Jerusalem."
THE SUPERB EMBROIDERIES AND RUGS OF THE XV. AND XVI. CENTURY WILL, WITH THE TAPESTRIES, APPEAL ESPECIALLY TO THE COLLECTOR AND AMATEUR.

ASSEMBLYMAN SURPRISED

At What Was Brought Out in Court Concerning One Catherine Leroy.

Catherine Leroy, who for the last month has been living on the ground floor of 336 West Fifty-first street, was in the West Side court yesterday as the result of complaints that several dwellers in the flat house made to the police.

Frank A. Johnson, the Municipal Ownership League Assemblyman of the Eleventh district, who lives on the top floor, was in court too and tried to get the case adjourned, but Magistrate Steinert wouldn't have it that way. After the police had told the Magistrate what they had heard about Catherine Leroy the Magistrate said it would be just as well if she moved away.

"I'll give you twenty-four hours to move," he continued, "and put you on probation."

Johnson said he was surprised at the developments in court. "I have been in Albany," he explained, "and all I knew about the young woman was what I got from the janitor. He said she was one of the best tenants he had ever had."

Cop Athletes Ordered to Marriage License Bureau.

A few of the champion athletes in the Police Department were ordered yesterday to be detailed to the marriage license bureau in the City Hall. Matthew McGrath went to the bureau from the Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, station; Martin Sheridan got away from the Leonard street station, and John Flanagan went to the bureau from the traffic squad.