

NUSS OVER CEMETERY FENCE

ERSTE AZARONER, E.C., VEREIN HAS GONE TO LAW.

Some One Has Struck In on the Gateposts Above the Names of the Successful Bidders These of the Ex-Presidents—An Injunction Was the Next Move.

It is regrettable that the news must be announced this morning that there is bitter feeling prevalent among the eighty members of that jolly East Side organization known officially as the Erste Azaroner Krankenkassenverein...

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"I propose," exclaimed Mr. Fiddle as he turned the knob of the door to enter the meeting, "I think we should be on the gate only the names in words of such those who, paying at auction for such privileges, should therefore—"

"Carried," yelled the meeting and there was much talk at once of buying Mr. Fiddle a drink as a token of appreciation. According to Mr. Fiddle, however, nothing much came of this.

"We shall now take an adjournment, brothers," remarked the then acting chair as he prepared to leave the hall...

But soon word came to the members of the Erste Azaroner Krankenkassenverein that owing to the lack of fencing around the plot...

A special meeting was called on March 6 to consider the question of reopening the whole discussion provided by the eighty members of the society.

There were eighty brothers in the hall half an hour before schedule time. Some thought one thing and some thought another, until finally they agreed to go on in the following June 15th...

Ex-President Greenpan was appointed auctioneer and on June 15th he seized his hammer and the bidding started. At this single meeting thirty-nine members put up bids and cash, thirty-two choosing the right gate post and twenty-three going in for the left post as their favorite.

The privilege of heading the list went as high as \$48.50, and from this the bids went down until there finally came listless offers of \$1.75.

One ex-president, the secretary and treasurer were thereupon appointed a committee to wait upon Sculptor Summers, who runs off the granite in the street, and request him to go the limit on erecting a cheap but substantial granite gateway and fence and carve the names as per submitted list.

When it was adjourned the following meeting in the Essex Market police court the members decided to meet again immediately back at the club. As Brother Rosenblatt's name stood just a shade below that of Ernest Market, certain members sought to serve the papers at a secret meeting of the society.

FIRST ARREST IN VAUGHN CASE.

Dr. James W. Hull, Proprietor of a Sanitarium, Taken Into Custody.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Feb. 23.—While the sensational investigation of the cause of the death of Prof. James T. Vaughn was in progress this afternoon Sheriff Francis Marion Nolan of Monroe county was ordered to go at once to Monroe City and place Dr. James W. Hull under arrest on a charge of murder.

The order came from Prosecuting Attorney Reiger at Kirksville. Dr. Hull is to be held to await the action of the Grand Jury, which convenes at Kirksville to-morrow. His name has been frequently mentioned in connection with the Vaughn case. The doctor came to Monroe City several years ago from Illinois. He established a hospital, and among other wealthy persons who patronized him were members of the Proctor family.

Another arrest, it is reported, will be made to-morrow afternoon. Mrs. Alma Vaughn broke her long silence this afternoon and dictated a statement to the press. She denies that Prof. Vaughn's death was due to poison. She does not believe that poison in deadly quantities was really found in the viscera taken from her husband's body.

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Roberto walked off with the goods. Came presently October 15. That date as well as October 5 were rent days in the Hotel Canal, and recalling that his Italian-American connoisseur had not made account of either day's collections nor shown up any of the rich American's long green bills, Roberto felt that he ought to go to the heart of the matter.

Would you believe it? Roberto was fled; gone with the Diaz, the Rousseau and 1,400 francs of rent money from the tenants of the Hotel Canal! It was to be the hair, nothing less, of Roberto's life. So M. Canal tore the hair, and so doing, beat it with all the haste of a taxi to 54 Rue de Bondy, where lived his good friend Georges Garfouinkel, the Paris secret service. Here, where we begin to head toward little old New York.

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COTTON MILL CURTAILMENT.

Fall River Plants to Work Five Days a Week for a While.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Feb. 23.—A special meeting of the Cotton Manufacturers Association was called yesterday to discuss business conditions. It was decided to curtail production one day a week, beginning at once. The executive committee had decided that curtailment was necessary to meet existing conditions, but desired that all the members have an opportunity to express their views before action was taken.

WATCH ON YEGGMAN'S HOME.

Widow of Murdered Crook Wanted by Authorities as a Witness.

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BANK'S ASSETS ALL GONE.

Bookkeeper Supposed to Have Taken Capital Surplus and Profits.

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Later former Governor John L. Bates was appointed receiver to wind up the bank's affairs and a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of George W. Coleman, bookkeeper of the bank, who disappeared last Friday. Coleman is 27 years old and unmarried.

The amount of the shortage exceeds by a few thousands the capital stock of \$100,000, a surplus of \$22,500 and undivided profits of \$20,950, so that the institution is insolvent and will have to be wound up. The deposits, amounting to \$127,500, were principally those of small merchants doing business in the vicinity. Dr. Charles W. Eliot, former head of Harvard University, is the owner of ten shares of stock in the bank.

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Shackleton Coming to America.

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Dugmore's Pictures at Carnegie Hall.

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CALIFORNIA'S WINE TRADE.

No French Wine That Can't Be Made There, Says Senator Bills.

State Senator Charles B. Bills of Sacramento, Cal., is at the Imperial, and he is so optimistic over things out that way that he predicts that most of the New Yorkers who go out to the Pacific Coast when the Panama Canal is finished will find the attractions so strong that they will never come back East, except to gather up all their relatives. Mr. Bills himself went to Sacramento from somewhere else.

Senator Bills is in the fruit business when he is not legislating. He says that outside of San Francisco the only grafting that is done in California is in the fruit business. "When people here go out there and realize how easy it is to live on sunshine and fruit and flowers," said Mr. Bills, "they'll simply stay and forswear skyscrapers and turn to nature."

"Sacramento has become the main shipping point for all the fruits of northern California, and this season it has shipped 20,000 carloads of green fruits alone aside from the dried product. This country has this season produced in addition about 12,000,000 gallons of wine. Of this the largest vineyard in the world, the noted Stanford vineyard, which is near Sacramento, produced 4,000,000 gallons of wine for himself.

"In fact all the best French wines are produced just below Sacramento—clarets and white wines, Bordeaux and Burgundies and Chablis and Sauternes, and you can get all you want in bulk for 22 cents to 24 cents a gallon. Or you can get the finest Chianti in the neighborhood. The production of wine is increasing, and new vineyards are being planted every year. A lot of Italian workmen are attracted. Italians will go wherever cheap grapes can be had for wine. An Italian will work for you only a year, however. At the end of that time he is the owner of two or three barrels of wine, and this sets him up in business and he is soon growing grapes for himself.

"I don't know what proportion of the French and Italian wines sold in this country really comes from California," said the senator. "I cannot tell you what is done with the wine made here, but it is well as light. The heavy wine is made of a smaller grape than the light, with a thicker skin and a higher percentage of sugar."

"We are beginning to make champagnes out there that compare favorably with the products of Reims. All we need is to get the right people here to make champagne—people who have had experience on the other side. Anyhow, we are driving the foreign grape out of the American market. California grapes are getting better in quality each year because of the care that is exercised in their cultivation. New York is our greatest consumer, requiring more than the other markets put together. During the last season it used from fifty to sixty carloads a day."

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Balling Will Not Resign.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger said this morning that a report that he will resign after the present investigation by the congressional joint committee has been completed is "positively without foundation." He added that he has no intention of resigning.

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WISDOM AT KEENE'S PHONE

ROCKING LISTENED BAD TO THE TELEPHONE BOY.

He's a Boy With Some Gray in His Head and Enter the Gray Is Experience and a Disposition to Buy at Bowers Prices and Only When He Knows.

Words of stock market wisdom, which have dropped like molasses in January from James E. Keene on the witness stand, fell smoother than honey yesterday from the lips of William Ronan, one of the employees in Mr. Keene's office. Mr. Ronan is the employee to whom Mr. Keene referred on the stand as "Willie, the telephone boy."

"Never do nothing down here unless you know something," was the first of Mr. Ronan's axioms, "and don't take no second hand tips at that."

"It's one of those," he replied pertly, "where a guy says what I might say to you, 'Buy Steel.' He might have seen me in this office and to prove to you he might have said, 'You come with me and I'll prove to you where I got this tip.'"

"So he brings you up here and knocks at the door and you see him talk to me at the door. Then you pass the tip along to all your friends. That's what we call a second hand tip. I might not know any more about it than you did."

"Take it from me. When people get down here they're as big suckers as you and the sucker. But this is a bigger game and some of the suckers are bigger. Smiling sarcastically if not sardonically, Mr. Ronan refused to accept responsibility for breaking the Hooking pool. All that he would admit was that he sold his stock.

"The stock looked weak," he added. "Listened to me like it was time to fly the coop."

Mr. Ronan also volunteered in response to another question to present his view on conditions in the stock market at present. He prefaced them with the emphatic opinion that this is no time to buy stocks.

"I wouldn't buy nothing at these prices," said he. "I don't think they're cheap by a long shot. The only time for me to buy is when you can get them at Bowers prices. [Pointing toward the floor with both hands.] The only way to buy now is to buy 'em and put 'em away, and I wouldn't do that."

"If you were a man and was willing to get away down. [Pointing toward the ceiling.] Some people might think they're cheap now, but none of that for mine."

On the witness stand Monday Mr. Keene said by way of explaining how 500 shares of Hooking came to be sold from his office on the day of the collapse of the Hooking pool.

"Well, that stock didn't belong to me; it belonged to two clerks in my office. One had 200 shares and the other 300. One was C. L. Hendricks, my bookkeeper. The other had the 300, and the other Willie Rorer, the telephone boy, who had 200. I had bought the stock at about 40, and when it got to 75 I gave it to them and told them they could have the profit on it subsequently and I would protect them against loss."

It was that day one of the boys came to me from the ticker very much alarmed on account of the way things were going and asked if it wouldn't be well to sell the stock. I told them to sell if they wanted to and one of them telephoned the order down to the broker. I had no interest in any way, shape or manner for a penny. My previous answer related to my own account and no other. These two boys sold their stock because they wanted to get their money, I suppose."

Mr. Ronan was asked if he cared to amplify this statement any further. I suppose you noticed the boss got my name wrong," he replied. The bookkeeper would say nothing at all.

The Mackay Tel & Tel New Sold

Clarence H. Mackay said yesterday: "The Mackay Companies has sold its entire holdings of stock in the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. A large part of the money at least will be used to extend and strengthen the land and ocean systems."

It was announced some time ago that the stock was to be sold to a syndicate of capitalists.

NEW EDISON CO. STOCK.

Application Made to the Public Service Board for Permission.

The New York Edison Company filed yesterday afternoon with the Public Service Commission an application for permission to issue new stock to the amount of \$5,340,000. The proceeds of the sale of this stock are to be applied to retire bonds for \$4,312,000, issued under a mortgage made by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to the Central Trust Company, March 14, 1890, and which will fall due on March 14, 1910; also to retire \$988,000 in bonds issued by the Mount Morris Electric Light Company to the Central Trust Company of New York September 2, 1890, which while not due until 1940 may be called in for redemption at 105 at any time after ten years from September 2, 1890, and which, including 5 per cent premium, amount to \$1,027,000.

The stockholders who have given unanimous consent to the proposed increase of capital stock are Consolidated Gas Company of New York, A. N. Brady, E. C. Bogert, William Rockefeller, J. A. Bennett, Benjamin Whiteley, James Stillman, S. S. Palmer, George F. Baker, John W. Sterling, J. W. Lieb, Jr., Nicholas F. Brady, H. E. Gawley, Lewis B. Gwarty, Samuel E. Beardsley, Henry J. Hemmens, Thomas E. Murray, Frederick Miller and A. J. Healy, the last named two as trustees under an indenture dated August 10, 1908.

DELINQUENT JUROR MUST PAY.

Charles Spilka Fined \$100 and Costs for Contempt.

Charles Spilka, a manufacturer of artificial flowers at 716 Broadway, was fined \$100 for contempt of court and \$10 costs by Justice Goff in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court yesterday. Spilka was notified that he had been chosen to serve on the February jury panel in the Criminal Branch. To the first notice he paid no attention.

A second notice brought him to the Criminal Courts Building, but he was not willing to sit around and wait for something to happen. He had with him a number of letters from more or less prominent persons requesting the Court to exempt him from jury duty. These he tried to present to the Court per-

GIRO PUT TO DEATH.

OBSERVING, Feb. 23.—Carlo Giro, one of the crooks convicted of causing the death of Mrs. Staber while doing a burglar's job in the Staber home in Flatbush, Brooklyn, some months ago, was put to death in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison this morning. His pal, Schlemmer, is to be put to death in the week beginning March 14.

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Modern Paintings By noted French, Dutch and American Artists and beautiful old Chinese Porcelains Forming the Private Collection of the well known amateur. Mr. J. B. Ladd, BROOKLYN -ALSO- To-morrow (Friday) Afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. by order of John P. Reynolds, Esq., Trustee in Bankruptcy, of the individual estate of

James A. Garland, Esq. This famous collection comprises over one hundred specimens. They are of the Louis XV, Louis XVI, Directoire, and Regency periods, and as a collection are said to equal if not excel in numbers and artistic quality the one in the celebrated Wallace Collection, London. Never before in this country has there been offered in public sale as notable a collection of similar objects. -ALSO- On Saturday Afternoon of this week, at 4:30 o'clock, A Collection of OLD WATCHES belonging to Mr. F. T. Procter, UTAH, NEW YORK. The sales will be conducted by MR. THOMAS E. KIRBY, of 8 East 23d Street, Madison Square South, New York.

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