

GENERAL HOME FOR FINE ARTS

ACADEMY OF DESIGN HAS PLAN FOR COOPERATION.

Asks Other Societies to Join It in Forming National Academy Association to Provide a Suitable Place in This City for Exhibition and Other Purposes.

The National Academy of Design adopted last night an entirely new plan for securing an adequate building for exhibition purposes in New York.

The academy has now abandoned the idea of obtaining a new individual home and it invites the other societies and organizations interested in the fine arts to join with it in the formation of an association, to be called the National Academy Association, and so mass the art forces of the town in an attempt to secure a site and building in which all shall have a part and which will be adequate for the accommodation of "a single annual exhibition covering all the branches of the art of design."

Secretary Watrous of the academy said last night that it was estimated that \$5,000,000 will be needed to carry the plan into effect if it receives the needed sanction.

The organizations which have been asked to participate in the academy plan are the American Water Color Society, the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Architectural League of New York, the New York Water Color Club, the National Sculpture Society, the Municipal Art Society, the Society of Beaux Arts Architects, the Mural Painters and the Society of Illustrators.

In presenting its plan to these societies the National Academy says that by reason of its age, traditions, wide membership and financial means it ought to be allowed to name the organization to be created and asks them to join in forming a corporation to be named the National Academy Association "for the purpose of encouraging and developing the study of an interest in the fine arts in the community and to that end of establishing and maintaining a building provided with galleries, exhibition spaces, lecture rooms and accommodations for organizations devoted to work in the various departments of the fine arts."

The association, according to the plan, is to secure a charter giving it power to acquire and hold the real estate property. The board of trustees to have charge of the new organization is to be made up of nine members of the National Academy, two members of the Architectural League, two of the National Sculpture Society and one each from the other participating societies.

The association is to be empowered to solicit gifts for the purchase of land and the erection of a building, and to establish a gift fund or funds to be held in the treasury. Sources of revenue are set forth as including interest on a \$200,000 fund, the National Academy pledges itself to set aside out of its own funds for the purpose of helping to defray the running expenses of the new building, besides from its combined annual exhibitions, rental of permanent quarters to the cooperating societies, rental of lecture rooms and of the galleries for exhibitions of all branches of the arts of design.

A tentative plan for the proposed new building is presented based on an area of 50,000 square feet, the equivalent of the city lot in the way of said, and provides floor space for permanent quarters exceeding twice the amount now used by the operating societies and an exhibition space "adequate for an exhibition embracing the best of the exhibitions of the parties to the proposed agreement at one time."

The need for such a building as is planned for exhibition purposes was recently emphasized by President Alexander of the National Academy who said in an address to the meeting that "many great collections came to New York boxed up, went on to the other cities to be exhibited and returned in boxes to New York to be dispersed without being seen here."

YOUTH ARRESTED AS THIEF.

John Had Lost \$610 and Had Offered \$100 Reward.

Charles Morse, 16 years old, an employee of Sanger Bros., a commission house at 15 Mercer street, was arrested last night at his home, 146 Webster avenue, The Bronx, by Headquarters detectives on a complaint made by his employers, charging grand larceny.

Representatives of the firm say that some six months ago a package disappeared and Morse was suspected. It was decided, however, to overlook the incident, and Morse was sent to the firm's branch at Dallas, Tex. On March 21 the cash register in the Dallas branch was found open and \$610 was missing. Morse, the representatives of the firm say, was the last to leave the office the night before. He did not return to the office and an alarm was sent out for him. The firm also offered a reward of \$100 for him and 25 per cent. of any part of the money that might be recovered.

HUR JOHN NOT IN WORKHOUSE.

Another Fellow Who Had Been Sent There Had Given John's Name.

Mrs. Rose Ryan of 172 South Fourth street, Brooklyn, and her son John (nicknamed Jefferson) Market Court yesterday made it sure that a man who had recently been sentenced to the workhouse for thirty days for running a three card monte game had given John's name and address. Acting as the assurance was placed up a lot of things.

Barclay Gilmore.

Barclay Gilmore, N. J. March 31. Miss Mary was daughter of Thomas Nixon Gilmore, who married today to Walter P. Gilmore of England. The Rev. Dr. C. F. Gilmore, who is a graduate of the University of Toronto, is the father of the bride.

THE SYMPHONY CONCERT.

Part of Richard Wagner's Juvenile Symphony Performed.

At the New Theatre yesterday afternoon the Symphony Society under the direction of Walter Damrosch gave the first of its regular Friday afternoon concert. The programme was made unusually interesting by the inclusion of two movements from the juvenile symphony of Richard Wagner, which has not been heard here since Anton Seidl produced it years ago.

The youthful music was decidedly interesting, both in what it accomplished and in what it did not. To enter into a detailed discussion of its qualities would serve to good purpose at this time, but it is worthy of note that the promise of the future Wagner did not seem to disclose itself very brilliantly. The scherzo, doubtless because the orchestration was so much more closely knit.

HENCE, TICKET SPECULATOR.

The Mayor Has Told the Police to Drive You Afar Off.

Instructions have been sent from the Mayor's office to the Police Department to enforce the ordinance against the speculators. Mayor Gaynor is of the opinion that Justice Newburger's decision upholding the ordinance is sufficient warrant for the police to act and that there is no need for them to allow the ticket sellers to continue their trade until the case which has been begun to determine the validity of the measure is passed upon by the Court of Appeals.

THE SEAGUERS.

Indications That the April Sailings Are to Be Larger Than Usual.

Mail steamer lines are going to be much larger than usual as indicated by the passenger lists of the liners scheduled to depart to-day for across seas and the West Indies. The North German Lloyd steamship Berlin, bound for the Mediterranean, has all her cabins filled and her officers' quarters given up to voyagers, among whom are:

Warren De Witt, Miss Aileen Ford, the Hon. Charles H. Gibson, W. W. Koch, G. Sewall Page, Mrs. W. H. Clarke, Miss Mrs. Bishop Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Longfellow, Mr. and Mrs. F. August Luyties, Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McLean, Mrs. B. H. McCalla, Mr. and Mrs. William Rutherford, Mrs. M. and Mrs. Nathan Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Erskine M. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Preston P. Satterwhite, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Tucker, Dr. and Mrs. Henry S. Upson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Vatable, William Gordon Verplanck and Mrs. H. C. Vilas.

Sailing by the White Star liner Cedric, for Queensstown and Liverpool:

George Cecil, Miss Isadora Duncan, Walter E. Lewis, Col. and Mrs. John S. Hendrie, Judge James J. Malone, Charles Henry Melzer, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic W. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore N. Vail.

By the Atlantic Transport liner Minneapolis, for London:

Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Benedict, the Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Dyvart, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. de la Motte, Mr. and Mrs. E. East, Mrs. Harry Mountford and Mr. and Mrs. Jacinto F. Villegas.

Board the Anchor liner Caladonia, for Glasgow:

Mr. and Mrs. William Barclay Charles, Mrs. James Peacock, David Wallace and Mrs. Lina, Mrs. P. Pinkerton.

The Hamburg American liner Moltke, on a seventeen days cruise to the West Indies, stopping fifty-five hours at Bermuda to let her excursionists pluck a few lilies from the plantations on Easter Sunday, will take out:

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bird, Col. and Mrs. Sheldon Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. George, Mr. and Mrs. G. East, Mrs. Harry Mountford and Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Law Olmstead.

By the Italian liner Duca degli Abruzzi, for the Mediterranean:

Thomas Sanders, Captain and Mrs. Lambert Tozzi, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wallace and Mrs. Jacob Rogers.

Aboard the Fabre liner Venezia, for Naples and Marseilles:

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Balme, Mrs. John Spencer Bassett, Mrs. S. Cameron Burnside, F. O'Daniel and Mrs. William M. Wood.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS MEDALS.

De Witt Clinton High School Boys Have an Oratorical Competition.

Arthur Hornblow of 35 West Sixty-fourth street, Alonzo Smith of 337 West Fifty-ninth street and John S. Peck of 412 West 113th street were the respective winners of the Douglas Fairbanks gold, silver and bronze oratorical medals, which were presented at the De Witt Clinton High School yesterday afternoon. Holbrook Blinn of "The Boss" company at the dinner presided as the representative of the stage. The presentations were made by the Rev. C. J. Young.

Mr. Fairbanks, who is now rehearsing a new play, was unable to be present and telegraphed his regrets. He is a graduate of the De Witt Clinton High School and has always taken a keen interest in the oratorical classes. He has offered the three medals annually for several years. More than 250 invited guests, including members of the city government, members of the Board of Education and well known educators, were present in addition to nearly 3,500 students.

HOBBLE SKIRT SCARES ONES.

Team Started by Girl's Struggles Runs Away and Smashes Windows.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 31. Miss Frances Walters, living just across the State line at Buchanan, Mich., caused the town board to-day to put a ban on the hobble skirt by the passage of an ordinance forbidding it. Miss Walters had been in the post office and tripped in leaving the building, owing to the tight fitting skirt. In her struggle to regain her feet she frightened a team of oxen hitched in front of the building, the animals dashed down the street and broke the windows of three stores before they were captured.

OLD TIME HOTELS TO CLOSE UP.

THE GILSEY AND HOFFMANN GO OUT OF BUSINESS.

Doors of the Gilsey Will Be Shut To-day With the Exception of the Barroom—That Will Run a Month More—The Hoffman to Be Locked Up on Monday.

Two of the older New York hotels are ready to close for good. The Gilsey House will shut its doors so far as the hotel is concerned at noon to-day, the bar keeping open for one month longer. The Hoffman House will close on Monday night.

Notices were posted in the Gilsey House lobby yesterday notifying the guests that they would have to move. Half of the 200 permanent guests of the hotel moved yesterday. Two of its rooms, located 100 at all night and that will be kept up in their rooms until they can be moved.

The Gilsey House was opened May 1, 1871, with James H. Breslin and Peter Gardner as proprietors, the latter was a son-in-law of Peter Gilsey, owner and builder of the house and founder of the Gilsey estate. The house was known as one of the very best furnished and equipped hotels of its time. Mr. Breslin and Mr. Gardner ran the house for thirty years. Then followed two or three changes of management, after which the John H. Fife Company took the control in 1908 and has run it since.

The ground on which the hotel stands was sold in 1909 to R. R. Fogel and the building was sold a week ago to the Croton Realty Company. The latter has taken a twenty-one year lease of the ground from Mr. Fogel at a rental to be determined later. The building, it was said last night, will be sold temporarily for business purposes and then after a year or so will be replaced by a modern business structure. The Fife company's lease did not expire until May 1, but by arrangement with the new owners the hotel will be given up to-day, with the exception of the bar. The Gilsey estate which owns the fittings of the hotel, will begin an auction sale of furnishings and equipment on April 10.

Dr. C. L. Steenson, John Brower, Frederick Gibbon and A. G. Van Sickle are four surviving members of the Gilsey "old guard" who will not leave the house until the clock registers noon to-day. None of the four could say last night what he intended to do about a new home. All have made their mark at the hotel since it first was opened. The chief clerk, G. B. Murray, has been in the hotel for twenty-five years; Patrick Egan, the doorman, has lived at the hotel for thirty-seven years, and Robert McGough, the night watchman, has been there for thirty-two years. Among those who have stopped at the hotel in the past are three of the "Presidents"—Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison and Chester A. Arthur; Jean and Edouard De Reszke, United States Senators from Nevada, Sharon of California; Gen. Logan, Hancock and McCook, and many prominent stage men and women, including Agnes Booth, Lotta Crabtree, John McCullough and Henry E. Abbott.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed against the Hoffman House in October last and a receiver was appointed. The present management of the hotel is in the hands of a corporation, of which Miss Anna Caddagan, sister of John P. Caddagan, a former proprietor, is president. The secretary and treasurer is, Daniel J. Leary, a son of Mr. Caddagan, who has been in the management of the hotel by Mr. Leary and by her sister, Miss Margaret Caddagan.

Miss Anna Caddagan said last night that it had been impossible to find a tenant for the property on the basis of the rental she demanded. The amount is said to be about \$100,000 a year, which is decreased somewhat by subletting the stores. The land on which the building stands is in three strips, owned respectively by the Francis J. Linnest estate, Elbert H. Gary and the Livingston estate. Among the guests who still remained at the Hoffman House last night were Julius Stahl, who has lived at the hotel for forty years; Lenor F. Loree, Anthony N. Brady and Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill).

CYCLE FITCH ART SALE.

Offerings Bring Good Prices, Especially the Marbles—Day's Results.

The old furniture and the marbles particularly went for good prices yesterday at the Clyde Fitch sale. In all \$16,219 was realized in the day's sale. One offering that has attracted much attention, a pair of Italian wrought iron gates of the seventeenth century, excited a bit of competition and sold for \$380. The buyer was Hugh Murray.

The lot that brought the highest figure was a pair of bronze torches with motives of cupids, dolphins and carouches, an Italian work of the seventeenth century. A. B. Butler paid \$700 for them. Mrs. Wilkins bought a three piece suite of the Louis XVI. period covered with Aubusson tapestry for \$270 and also an armchair similar for \$675. Another less highly decorated chair went to J. G. White for \$145. One of the largest pieces of the sale, a fine Italian carved altar, was sold to A. H. Vesey for \$150. Mrs. Frank Bailey got a table of carved walnut with twisted columns of the period of Francis I. for \$245. Two high back Italian Renaissance chairs of carved walnut went for \$147.50 and \$125 respectively to George Wilson. Mrs. W. R. Thompson paid \$290 apiece for two pair of gift vases. Two marble columns brought \$145 apiece. Some of the other buyers were Mrs. Benjamin Thaw, Mrs. Thomas Stewart, J. H. Morgan, E. Cushing, Amelia Bangham and R. S. Talmadge.

WAIT IN VAIN FOR BODY.

Parishioners of Father Loughlin Disappointed by the Romney's Delay.

The Right Rev. John F. Loughlin, pastor of the Church of the Nativity in Philadelphia, who sought relief from illness in Bethesda nearly last month, died there on March 31. His body was not about the Lamport and Holt freighter Romney, which sailed from Barbados on March 23, for transportation to this port. About three hundred of the parishioners of Mgr. Loughlin arrived here yesterday from Philadelphia, headed by the Rev. Fathers W. T. Brady and Michael Donovan, to receive the body and escort it to Philadelphia. They had been told that the Romney was due yesterday, as she was, but she was delayed doubtless by head winds and seas and may not be in until to-day or to-morrow. The delegation stayed in the city until a o'clock last night and then went back to Philadelphia. Whether or not the body arrives to-day there will be a solemn high requiem mass celebrated in the pastor's church this morning for the pastor.

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