PORTRAIT OF GIRL BRINGS $5,100 BID

John Raphael Smith's Painting Leads in Blakeslee Sale at Plaza.

NIGHT'S TOTAL $30,535

The first session of the sale of paintings belonging to the Blakeslee Galleries was held in the ballroom of the Hotel Plaza by the American Art Association last evening, but the storm had an appreciable effect upon the size of the audience, which was smaller than usual. The dealers, however, were present in force and occasionally throughout the evening there were some lively interchanges of bids. The leading price, $5,100, was paid by J. A. Mitchell for a "Girl With Dog," a bright, animated portrait by John Raphael Smith, an English painter, who is also celebrated as a mezzotint engraver.

Bashford Dean, who is curator of arms at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, bought several decorative old canvases of gentlemen in armor.

The total for the evening's sale was $30,535.

The list of paintings sold for $250 or more, with titles and buyers, follows:

2—William Keith, "Autumn: California," Holland Galleries..... $310
6—William Keith, "Golden Sunset," Holland Galleries..... 580
8—F. J. Verboeckhoven, "Sheep," Clapp & Graham..... 650
6—School of Clouet, "Portrait of a Young Lady," Raymond Wiepes 400
8—George Peter, "Portrait of a Lady," Raymond Wiepes..... 1,050
9—Gerard Terburg, "The Mandolin Player," W. W. Seaman, agent. 625
10—Sir Joshua Reynolds, "Countess of Strafford," Ehrich Galleries. 2,250
11—Sir Thomas Lawrence (period of), "Portrait of a Lady," W. Michel..... 325
12—Antoine Vestier, "Portrait of a Young Lady," Clapp & Graham 450
13—George Henry Harlow, "Mrs. Dixon," Ehrich Galleries..... 375
14—Herman Vandermyn, "Portrait of a Lady," J. E. Aldred..... 500
15—Francis Cotes, "Portrait of a Lady," T. Kaufman..... 250
16—Nicholas Maes, "A Group," Raymond Wiepes..... 260
16A—John Constable (attributed), "Dedham Vale," Charles Platt. 225
17—Gerard van Honthorst, "The Musician," W. A. W. Stewart. 300
18—John Singleton Copley, "Portrait Group," Ehrich Galleries..... 850
19—Sir Benjamin Williams Leader, "Skirts of a Worcestershire Common," A. M. Henry..... 500
20—Sir Thomas Lawrence (period of), "Lady Lyndhurst," Edgar E. Marsden..... 100
21—Edward Moran, "Sunrise, New York Harbor," E. E. Marsden.. 260
22—Richard Cosway, "Lady Seated in a Landscape," O. Bernet, agent 850
23—Salomon van Ruysdael, "Landscape," T. Brummer..... 1,025
32—John Raphael Smith, "Girl with Dog," J. A. Mitchell..... 5,100
33—Jacob Housman, "Mrs. Blount," Ehrich Galleries..... 360
33A—Francesco Botticini, "Madonna and Child," F. R. Welsh..... 1,050
35—Nicolas de Largillière, "Lady in Black," W. W. Seaman, agent. 1,100
37—Juan Bautista del Mazo, "Portrait of a Lady," W. Michel..... 460
38—Justus Sustermann, "Portrait of a Gentleman of France," Bashford Dean..... 450
68—Rev. Matthew William Peters, "Visit to Baby," A. M. Henry. 500
67—Willem Kuyndyck, "Family Group," Mr. Glem..... 310
66—Sir Anthony Van Dyck, "Daughter of the Count of Holland," W. Michel..... 1,025
67—Sir Anthony Van Dyck (after), "Duke of Gordon and Lenox," W. Michel..... 625
68—Claudio Coello, "Ferdinand of Austria," Bashford Dean..... 250
69—Justus Sustermann, "Portrait of a Young Gentleman," Bashford Dean..... 200
74—Spanish School, "Portrait of a Lady," Charles of London..... 300
76—Sir William Beechey (attributed to), "The Evening Star," A. M. Henry..... 425
78—M. J. van Miereveldt, "Portrait Group," T. Brummer..... 300
79—La Tristan, "Adoration of the Magi," Wilhelm Beck..... 1,075
82—Daniel Mytens, "Portrait of Charles I.," Ehrich Galleries.. 425

The sale of the Blakeslee Galleries collection will be continued to-night and succeeding evenings in the galleries of the association at Madison Square South.

LINCOLN RELICS ON SALE.

Autographed Books Bring $100 and a Note Brings $50.

Two volumes from Abraham Lincoln's library, each having an inscription in Lincoln's handwriting, "To Major General Banks, A. Lincoln," brought the highest price at the sale yesterday and night at the Anderson Galleries of the final section of the John E. Burton library. They were bought by George D. Smith for $100. The volumes were first edition copies of "Fudge Doings: being Tony Fudge's Record," by Ik Marvel, published in New York in 1855.

Another interesting Lincoln relic was an autograph note: "Let the Old Soldier Pass, according to his R. R. passes, without hindrance. A. Lincoln, Sept. 13, 1864." It was bought by Mr. Smith for $50. It is mounted with three original drawings by W. R. Leigh, one of which represents the incident which gave rise to the note. Herndon's "Life of Lincoln," containing the suppressed passages relating to Lincoln's birth and parentage, which were taken out of later editions, were bought by Mr. Smith for $70.

"The Statutes of the Provisional Government of the Confederate States of America, Feb. 8, 1861, to its Termination," was bought by J. F. Drake, Inc., for $15. A John Brown autograph note to "Friend Perkins," regarding some transaction in wool and farm stock, was bought by George D. Smith for $51.

The Library of Congress was the successful bidder on a set of playbills of Ford's Opera House, Grover's Theatre and Morton's National Theatre, all in Washington, announcing performances by Laura Keene, Maggie Mitchell, Charles Kean, Boucicault and others. The price paid was $41.

The five previous parts of the Burton sale realized $27,005.50. The Lincolniana yesterday and last night brought $1,565.50. The sale will be concluded today.

THE SEAGOERS.

Arrivals yesterday by the White Star liner Laconia from Liverpool.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Butler.
Mr. and Mrs. C. S. King.
Mr. M. J. Carew.
C. O. G. Leverson-Gower.
Oscar C. Crawford.
Fred W. Sterling.
Dr. Eben W. Fiske.
Mrs. S. C. Storer.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ward.
James S. Whitley.
Capt. E. R. Williams.

U. S. Navy.

By the Ward liner Morro Castle from Havana and Nassau.

Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Bond.
The Rev. William H. Davison.
Alanson Jr.
William Hartfield.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cleveland.
Mr. and Mrs. Truman Hemingway.
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Vanderbilt.
Mr. and Mrs. George P. Keith.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Cabaud.
Dr. John S. Phelps.
Mrs. Sherman Dickinson.
Robert D. Wrenn.

In New York To-day.

Armory ball, Madison Square Garden, 8 P. M.

Address by Frederic C. Howe on "Immigration and the War," Yale Club, 8:15 P. M.

Annual Training School graduation, Madison avenue and 110th street, 8 P. M.

New York Historical Society, address by William Bishop on "The Story of the Gridiron," 170 Central Park West, 8:30 P. M.

California Actors Guild, meeting, Hotel Astor, 8 P. M.

Women's Democratic League dinner, Hotel Haas, 7 P. M.

Free Synagogue, dinner, Hotel Astor, 7 P. M.

New York Theatre Club, meeting, Hotel Astor, 8 P. M.

Conference on teachers' pensions, 130 East Twenty-second street, 8:15 P. M.

Women's Health Protective Association, meeting, Hotel Astor, 2:30 P. M.

Lecture on frescoes by Dr. Oswald Siren, Metropolitan Museum, 4:15 P. M.

BALLET AT THE RITZ BY JUNIOR LEAGUE

Philadelphians Aid Society of St. Johnland by Entertainments.

PHOTOPLAY ALSO GIVEN

An entertainment was given yesterday afternoon and last night in the Ritz-Carlton for the benefit of the Society of St. Johnland. It was arranged by the chapel committee of the auxiliary of women of the institution and the financial results will be devoted to the needs of the society, which has a community in Long Island.

First in the programme was the ballet of "Orlando," which was produced by members of the Junior League of Philadelphia and which was a repetition of the performance given by them in January in Philadelphia. The plot of the ballet was laid in Florence in the fifteenth century. The stage decorations, which suggested those of a Granville Barker play, had been painted by members of the Junior League, who also designed the costumes.

The ballet was in three acts, the scenes representing a garden in Florence, a cypress grove by moonlight and a street in Florence. The leading characters were:

Orlando, Mrs. Francis V. Lloyd; the *Merchant*, James Gamble; the *Judge*, Francis Hackett; *Premiere Danseuse*, Miss Georgiana Brown, and *Page*, Miss Katherine Munoz. Among those taking part in the dances were:

The Misses Lalite Willcox, Mary Mitchell, Susan Ingersoll, Adeleine Pepper, Marian Savage, Louisa Davis, Sylvia Barnes, Elsa Reath, Emily Fox, Mary F. Fisher, Alice Thompson, Christine Chambers, Kitty Brinton, Eliza Fox, Katharine Thompson, Edith Baily, Jean Thompson, Cornelia Leidy, Helen and Gertrude Tower, Sibyl Wright, Gabriella Tilghman, Virginia Robert, Anne Lewis, Eugenia Cassatt, E. Owen Martin, Cecile Howell, Hope McMichael, Geordie P. Joline, Esther Howell, Alice Earls, Betty Carson, Mary Williams, Nancy Scott, Alice Biddle, Nancy A. Reath, Marion Taylor, Elizabeth Myers, Nancy Stokes, Marian Butler, all of Philadelphia; Symphorosa and Grace Bristed, Margaret Luce, Josephine Wells and Margaret La Farge of New York.

Among the men dancing were: William Weeks Hall, Walter Kumme, Donald Newhall, Thomas Jones, Paul Froelich and William Nell. An orchestra from Philadelphia played under direction of J. W. F. Leman.

The dances and tableaux in the ballet were much admired. After the ballet was repeated "The Flame of Kapur," the photoplay written by Miss Grace R. Henry for the Junior League of New York. This was followed by the audiences with much interest. Miss Henry's photoplay is to be produced for charity in Baltimore on March 16.

There were large audiences both afternoon and evening and after the evening performance there was supper and dancing for which Miss Byrne's orchestra played.

SOUTHERNERS GIVE A DANCE.

Affair for Benefit of Charity School in Virginia.

Under the auspices of women of the Southern colony in New York, a dance was held last evening in the Della Robbia Room of the Vanderbilt, for the benefit of the Blue Ridge Industrial School of Greene county, Va. The proceeds will be devoted to the needs of the school, which provides educational and industrial training for children of the mountaineers in that region. There was general dancing until midnight, when supper was served, dancing afterward being resumed. Among the patronesses, most of whom were present, were Mmes. Francis Lynde Stetson, John E. Berwind, James Brown Potter, George Gordon Battle, H. Snowden Marshall, Lewis Nixon, Stuart G. Gibboney, Theodore Price, Charles Dana Gibson, John H. Flagler and Reginald Brooks.

NOTES OF THE SOCIAL WORLD.

Miss Mary Bloodgood Grundner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Grundner, will be married to William Wood Struthers this afternoon in the Collegiate Church, West End avenue.

The last of Miss Olyphant's dinner dances will be given to-night at Sherry's.

Mr. and Mrs. William Church Osborn will give a dinner to-night at their home, 40 East Thirty-sixth street, for Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, and Mrs. Hibben.

Dr. and Mrs. John H. P. Hodgson will give a Mardi Gras party this evening at their home, 29 Washington Square, for their daughter, Miss Ensley Hodgson, and other debutantes.

Mrs. Frederick Esler gave a small dance last evening at her home, 47 East Forty-ninth street, for her son, Lemist Esler. There were about fifty people present and during the evening Miss Constance Binney danced "The Moon of Love," the music being played by the composer, Dwight Fisk.

The Friday Evening Dances, which proved so successful, will be resumed in the Della Robbia Room of the Vanderbilt. That on the night of March 17 will be for the benefit of the Lafayette Fund. There will be no dance on the night of March 24 on account of the Italian war relief pageant at the Century Theatre. Miss Julianna Cutting has arranged a Mardi Gras dinner dance which will be given to-night at the Vanderbilt.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Farrell gave a dinner last evening in the tapestry suite at Sherry's, followed by informal dancing, for Miss Theresa Farrell.

For the benefit of uneducated children of Southern mountaineers a Mardi Gras dance will be given to-night in the ballroom of the Ritz-Carlton. Preceding it dinners will be given by Mrs. J. Allen Townsend and Mrs. George Hillard Benjamin. Among those interested are Mrs. James H. Dinwiddie, Mrs. Cleveland H. Dodge, Mrs. Charles H. Ditson, Mrs. John S. Foster and Mrs. Charles Stewart Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. James Remsen Strong gave a theatre party last evening for their young relatives, Miss Frances Riker and Miss Constance Chappell, debutantes of the winter. They took their guests, numbering sixty, to the Harris Theatre to see "Hit-the-Trail Holiday" and afterward to Sherry's for supper and dancing.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Allen Starr have gone to Southern California.

Mrs. George K. Bready will give four talks on the music of Wagner's "Ring" with musical interpretation on Thursday mornings at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Nicoll, 46 West Fifty-fourth street, beginning on Thursday.

The Countess Jean de la Greze will give a musicale to-night at the home of her mother, Mrs. Charles Steele, 11 East Sixty-second street.

The Rev. Dr. Rhoades Resigns.

The Rev. Dr. W. C. P. Rhoades, pastor of the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn, for thirty years, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on June 1. He will probably be made pastor emeritus.

Edison Has a Grandson.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., March 6.—A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. John Eyre Sloane of Plainfield, N. J., at the home of Thomas A. Edison. Mrs. Sloane was Miss Madeleine Edison. Mother and child are doing well.

SHAKESPEARE UP TO DATE

BRUTUS WILSON—Art thou some god, some angel, or some devil?
GHOST BRYAN—Thy evil spirit, Brutus.
BRUTUS WILSON—Why com'st thou?
GHOST BRYAN—To tell thee, thou shalt see me at Philippi.

CARNIVAL PARTY IN STUDIO.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Appleton Entertain Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sargeant Appleton gave a carnival party last evening at their studio in Sniffen Court, 152 East Thirty-sixth street, where they have leased for the winter the studio of Elihu Vedder, now abroad. Their friends wore fancy dress appropriate to the season. The hostess was dressed as a Hindu dancing girl, Mr. Appleton wearing a gorgeous Malachi costume. There was dancing to the music of a band of colored players and a buffet supper was served.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Conklin, Col. Daniel Appleton, Miss Malvina Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Forbes Morgan, Jr., Miss Cornelia Landon, Robert Dunn, Madison Grant, Otho Cushing, William W. Appleton, the Misses Margarett and Mary Appleton, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Derby, Mr. and Mrs. Courtlandt D. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Appleton, Cleveland E. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Fairman Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard, George Bull, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Noel, George de Kay Gilder, Auguste Noel, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Arthur Russell Jones.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED.

Mrs. Wilmoth R. Cosby of 58 Lefferts place, Brooklyn, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Wilmoth Riley Cosby, to Edwin C. Gibson, also of Brooklyn. Miss Cosby is a daughter of the late Charles Mortimer Cosby and is a descendant of an old Colonial family of Virginia. Mr. Gibson was graduated from Cornell in 1907 and was an all American end. The wedding will take place in the fall.

The engagement of Miss Isabel Burchell, daughter of Mrs. John Henry Burchell of 244 Gates avenue, Brooklyn, to Allen Robertson Hardie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hardie of 154 Eighth avenue, was announced yesterday.

McClurg—Schwarz.

BOSTON, March 6.—Miss Gertrude F. Schwarz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Schwarz of Brookline, and Ogden Lerver McClurg of Chicago were married at the Church of Our Saviour in Longwood this evening. The Rev. Elwood Worcester performed the ceremony. Miss Dorothy Schwarz, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Francis W. Taylor of Chicago best man. The ushers were Henry H. Walt of Chicago, Dr. William W. Herrick and Mansfield Ferry of New York and Daniel F. Comstock of Brookline. The couple's honeymoon will be spent in the West Indies on Mr. McClurg's yacht Intrepid. The party is to include Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Folsom, who were married in Brookline on Saturday. At Porto Rico a dozen other friends from Chicago and elsewhere will board the yatch and finish the cruise.

Roosevelt—Olmstead.

WEST BROOKFIELD, Mass., March 6.—Miss Grace Temple Olmstead, daughter of Mrs. Chauncey Lockhart Olmstead, and Oliver Wolcott Roosevelt, son of Mrs. J. West Roosevelt of New York, were married here this afternoon at the home of the bride's mother. The wedding was a quiet one, the bride's father having died about a year ago. Only relatives and a few intimate friends were present. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Willis B. Temple of Milford. The couple left for New York and will make their home in Paris, where Mr. Roosevelt is the representative of a New York banking house. The bride was studying painting abroad when the war started, and assisted in caring for wounded soldiers at one of the French hospitals.

Major Winchell Leaves Belgium.

Major Wallace W. Winchell, head of the Salvation Army forces in Hudson county, N. J., has left Belgium, whither he was sent to take charge of the organization's relief work and is due to arrive in London to-morrow. Word to this effect was received by Mrs. Winchell in Jersey City yesterday. Major Winchell in his cable said that there was a "sweeping revival in Belgium" and that the "relief was a success."

Swift & Company's sales of Beef in New York City for the week ending Saturday, March 4th, averaged as follows: Domestic Beef, 11.28 cents per pound.—*Adv.*

NUN FORCES FATHER'S HEIRS TO PAY $25,000

Forgotten in Will, Sister of Charity Proves Right to Part of Real Estate.

The appraisal filed yesterday of the estate of Charles Berlin Reed, a railroad contract printer at 142 Worth street, who had a home at Greenwich, Conn., shows that his daughter Jessie, 29 years old, a member of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul under the name of Sister Mary Berchmans, has received $25,000 from the estate in settlement of her contest of the will. The executors asked permission of the Connecticut courts to compromise the case after becoming convinced that Miss Reed was Mr. Reed's daughter.

Mr. Reed died at the Sherman Square Hotel on March 25, 1911, and left an estate appraised at $156,288, of which $110,139 was in this State. He was a widower. In his will he left his entire estate to Dr. James P. Fiske of 76 West Eighty-sixth street and Mrs. William Grant Brown, clubwoman and wife of a lawyer, who, Mr. Reed said, were "two of the most valued friends of my wife and myself."

After Miss Jessie Reed filed her contest of the will testimony in the case was taken here. This evidence showed Reed, the son of a Confederate gunboat captain who died a prisoner of war in New York Hospital in 1864, was married at the age of 26 to Mary A. Curran, mother of Miss Jessie Reed, with whom he had fallen in love while both were employed in the Martin B. Brown printing concern. Their daughter, Jessie, was born in August, 1887. Reed was divorced by his wife in 1893, after he had joined a set of believers in spiritualism and reincarnation. The daughter, Jessie, then went to live with an aunt. Reed sued later to get possession of his daughter and lost the case.

Reed later married Dr. Augusta Webster, who shared his beliefs, and was the joint author with him of several philosophical works, one of which was "The Animal Mind of Man." The second Mrs. Reed died February 9, 1911, a few weeks before her husband and left $100,000 to her friend Mrs. William Grant Brown.

WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

WILLIAM O. SAXTON, a butter and egg commission merchant at 174 Duane street, who died October 4 last, left an estate of $353,853. He gave a life interest in $80,000 to his wife, Augusta F. Saxton, and on her death it goes to her daughter, Helen A. Benjamin. The remainder of the estate went in equal shares to three sons, William O., Jr., Chester E. and Robert Saxton.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

Algonquin—Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bradley, Convent, N. J.; C. P. Garland, Saco, Me.

Prince George—C. C. Morgan, Port Worth, Tex.; W. L. McDowell, Washington.

Waldorf-Astoria—Mrs. Thomas Prehn, Passaic, N. J.; William M. Wood, Boston; W. A. Wilbur, Bethlehem, Pa.

McAlpin—M. A. Samuelson, Culpepper, Va.; Mrs. Brown Moore, Owensboro, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. James N. Talbot, Boston.

Manhattan—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mills, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Stone, Buffalo; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sattler, Cincinnati.

Knickerbocker—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hollis, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kennedy, Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. F. Meyer, Paris; W. B. Mitford, London.

Gotham—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. MacDonald, Winnipeg; Grosvenor Thomas, London; Mme. O'Gorman, London; Count de Frise, Paris; H. C. May, Washington.

Claridge—I. T. Holland, Cumberland, Md.; A. E. Williams, Warren, Ohio; H. B. Dickinson, Buffalo; P. A. Bullock, Baltimore; Joseph Alexander, Detroit.

Martinique—Mr. and Mrs. R. Parker, Pittsburg; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Smith, Meriden, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dickerson, Boston; John E. Stokes, St. Louis.

Biltmore—Mr. and Mrs. David M. Goodrich, Mount Kisco, N. Y.; Burton A. Howe, Grand Rapids, Mich.; W. A. Blair, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. George A. Forman, Buffalo.

Savoy—Mr. and Mrs. Philip Howard, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. W. Maywood, St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Colt, Denver; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mann, Portland, Ore.

EX-SENATOR WM. D. EDWARDS.

One of New Jersey's Leading Lawyers Dies in Jersey City.

William D. Edwards, for years one of the leading corporation lawyers of New Jersey, died of acute dilation of the heart yesterday in his home, Hudson Boulevard and Montgomery street, Jersey City. He suffered a slight stroke of apoplexy on Friday morning.

Born in Brooklyn on December 17, 1855, Mr. Edwards moved to Jersey City with his parents when a youth. He was graduated from New York University and was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1878. He served in the New Jersey Senate in 1888 and 1889, resigning during the latter year to accept the appointment of corporation counsel of Jersey City under Mayor Cleveland.

Senator Edwards handled many large cases in the courts of the country. He was the senior member of the law firm of Edwards & Smith of Jersey City. He was also a director in the First National Bank.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Edwards, Senator Edwards is survived by these five brothers and a sister: Edward I. Edwards, State Comptroller of New Jersey; John J. Edwards of Newark, James N. Edwards of New Orleans, Joseph W. and Cornelius S. Edwards and Mrs. W. H. Price of Jersey City.

A special meeting of the Hudson County Bar Association has been called for this afternoon to take action on Mr. Edwards's death.

Gen. Nicholas W. Day.

EAST ORANGE, N. J., March 6.—Gen. Nicholas W. Day died to-day at his home, 30 State street in his seventy-seventh year of heart disease. He was born in New Brunswick and at the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in the Seventy-first Regiment. He was made Colonel of the 131st New York Regiment Volunteers and was brevetted a Brigadier-General for bravery in 1864.

After the war he became connected with Schieffelin & Co., wholesale druggists. He was a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Army and Navy Club, John A. Dix Post, G. A. R., and of the Masons. He leaves a daughter.

John Doscher.

John Doscher of 976 Summit avenue, Jersey City, hurt two weeks ago in a fall down stairs, died of his injuries yesterday. A leading Republican of Hudson county, Mr. Doscher was elected a Freeholder in 1892. Later he was appointed to the Jersey City Street and Water Board, and for several years was Assistant Collector of the Port of New York, retiring five years ago to devote all his time to his business, the John Doscher Paper Box Manufacturing Company. Two sons and two daughters survive.

MRS. BLOODGOOD ENTERTAINS.

Is Hostess at a Luncheon Given at Her Home.

Mrs. Wilber Bloodgood gave a luncheon yesterday at her home, 49 East Thirty-fourth street.

Among her guests were Mrs. Frederic Neilson, Mrs. Norrie Sellar, Mrs. Henry F. Godfrey, Mrs. Albert Zabriskie Gray, Mrs. Drexel Dahlgren, Mrs. Seton Henry, Mrs. Lindley Hoffman Chapin, Mrs. F. Tailer-Smith, Mrs. Morton L. Schwartz, Mrs. Preston P. Satterwhite, Mrs. Harold P. Erskine, Mrs. Alfred Wagstaff, Jr., Mrs. Edward Spencer, Mrs. Schuyler Schieffelin, Mrs. Frederic Foster Carey, Mrs. W. Barclay Parsons, Mrs. Alexander S. Clarke of Paris, Miss Maria de Barril and Miss Jessie S. K. Voss.

Mrs. Ogden M. Reid Honored.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 6.—The city committee of the Equal Franchise Club of White Plains gave a dinner here to-night to Mrs. Ogden Mills Reid, treasurer of the New York State Woman Suffrage Party. Miss M. Louise Gross presided and 100 prominent women attended. Mrs. Reid, County Judge Frank L. Young, Dr. H. Ernest Schmidt, Councilman Frederick C. McLaughlin and Mrs. Halsey W. Wilson were the speakers.

R. A. M'CURDY DIES; LONG TIME INVALID

Former President of Mutual Life Began Eventful Career as a Lawyer.

SUCCEEDED HIS FATHER

MORRISTOWN, N. J., March 6.—Richard A. McCurdy, one time president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, died at his home in South street this morning of the infirmities due to old age. His death was not unexpected and all the members of his family were at his bedside.

Richard A. McCurdy was born in New York city in 1835. His father, the late Robert H. McCurdy, was well known in early insurance circles and was a director of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of which the son was later to become president. Richard A. McCurdy, however, intended to devote his life to the law and he cut short his undergraduate career at Harvard in order to enter the law school of that institution. Simultaneously with his course at the law school he entered the office of Gov. Andrew of Boston.

When Mr. McCurdy was admitted to the New York bar in 1856 he formed a partnership with Lucius Robinson, later to become Governor of the State. Mr. Robinson was elected State Comptroller in 1861 and one of his first official acts was to appoint his young partner State Transfer Agent for the issuing and countersigning of State securities. The young man also became one of the United States Commissioners of the Draft for New York and the action of those commissioners in carrying out the law precipitated the disturbances known as the draft riots. At the same time he was an active member of the Sons of Connecticut, a patriotic organization formed at the outbreak of the war.

He was a very busy young man in those days, active in all public affairs and engaged at his own tasks, all of which he supplemented by incursions into literature, as some short stories and verses which survive testify. Verses by him written when he was more than 70 years old have been published.

He also collaborated in editing Kent's Commentaries and wrote papers on public questions. About 1860 he was chosen counsel for the Mutual Life, thus beginning a connection which lasted a little short of fifty years.

Five years later Mr. McCurdy, at the age of 30, became a director and also a vice-president of the company, and thereafter his life was devoted entirely to insurance. Twenty years later, on the death of President Winston, he was made president at a salary of $30,000 a year. At the time of the Hughes insurance investigation his salary was $150,000 a year, but before his resignation from the company November 23, 1905, it had been reduced to $75,000 at his own request.

The insurance investigation of 1904 and 1905, which brought about new insurance laws for the State as well as many changes in the personnel of companies, had Mr. McCurdy as a witness on many occasions. The verbal tilts between the present Justice of the United States Supreme Court and the veteran insurance man are still remembered.

Mr. McCurdy never surrendered any of his ideas or theories of insurance. It is recalled that upon one occasion he told Charles E. Hughes that Mr. Hughes could obtain much better results if he would treat a witness a little more kindly and a little more considerately instead of making him feel that he was on the rack." He had no hesitancy about criticising any question asked and if he thought it improper he declined to answer it.

Following the investigation was the resignation of Mr. McCurdy as president and of the withdrawal of his son, Robert H. McCurdy, and his son-in-law, Louis A. Thebaud, from the insurance business. Subsequently suits aggregating claims for $6,000,000 were brought against the former president and various members of the family by the insurance company, which were later compromised by the payment of $815,000 to the company in March, 1908. Thereafter Mr. McCurdy, who had been in ill health, lived in retirement at Morristown.

CHARLES C. NOTT.

Ex-Chief Justice of U. S. Court of Claims Dies at Age of 83.

Charles C. Nott, ex-Chief Justice of the United States Court of Claims and father of Judge Charles C. Nott, Jr., of the Court of General Sessions, died yesterday morning in his home, 151 East Sixty-first street, at the age of 83.

Mr. Nott was born in New York and was graduated from Union College, of which his grandfather, the Rev. Eliphalet Nott, was president. He practised law in this city until the civil war began, when he was commissioned Captain in the Fifth Iowa Cavalry. In the second year of the war he became Colonel of the 176th New York Volunteers. He was captured while wounded at Brashear, La., and spent thirteen months in a military prison in Texas.

President Lincoln, of whom he was a close friend, appointed him a member of the United States Court of Claims and later President Cleveland appointed him Chief Justice of that court. He resigned in 1905. Mr. Nott married in 1867 Miss Alice Hopkins, daughter of President Mark Hopkins of Williams College. She died last April, since when Mr. Nott had lived with his son.

OLNEY ARNOLD.

U. S. Consul-General to Egypt Dies After Criticism.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Olney Arnold, diplomatic agent of the United States and Consul-General at Cairo, Egypt, died yesterday in a hospital at Lisbon, Portugal, according to advices received by the State Department. The despatch did not mention the cause of his death.

Mr. Arnold recently received a leave of absence from his post and was on his way to the United States. It was reported when he left Cairo that charges brought against him by American residents had caused his health to break. These charges were based on allegations that he had made unmeritorious utterances.

Mr. Arnold was born in 1861 at Cumberland, R. I., and educated at Mowry and Goff's English Classical School, Providence. In 1908 he was a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, and in 1909 was Democratic candidate for Governor. He was appointed Consul-General to Egypt in 1913.

Patrick Grogan.

GARRISON, March 6.—Patrick Grogan, 101 years old, who was nine weeks crossing the Atlantic in 1827 from Queenstown to New York, is dead at his home in Kent, Putnam county. He saw Gen. Winfield Scott at the capture of Mexico city. He was born in Ireland the son of one of Gen. Wellington's soldiers at Waterloo. His father brought him to this country on board the sailing vessel Theodosia. After travelling throughout the United States for several years he settled in Patterson, Putnam county. Later he moved to Kent.

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THE REV. DR. ROCHE DIES AT 66 YEARS

Was Chancellor of the Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation.

GARDEN CITY, L. I., March 6.—The Rev. Dr. Spencer Summerfield Roche, Chancellor of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation here, died to-day at his home. He was 66 years old.

The Rev. Dr. Roche was the son of the late Rev. Dr. James A. Roche, who was a prominent Methodist Episcopal minister in Brooklyn. He was graduated from the Union Theological Seminary in 1873 and from the General Theological Seminary in 1874. He held also the degrees of master of arts from Columbia University and doctor of divinity from Trinity College.

He was ordered a deacon in 1874 and ordained a priest in 1875. In 1874-75 he was in charge of Grace Church, on Brooklyn Heights, and the next year became rector of St. Mark's Church, Adelphi street, near De Kalb avenue, where he remained until 1912. From 1883 to 1911 he was examining chaplain of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Early in 1912 the Rev. Dr. Roche resigned as rector of St. Mark's, after thirty years service, to take a more active part in the work of the cathedral here. He had been a member of the chapter of the cathedral since 1887 and Chancellor since 1897. He came to Garden City soon after his resignation from St. Mark's.

He was a member of the Long Island and New York Historical societies, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Robert Fulton Monument Association, chairman of the committees for Long Island for a $5,000,000 clergy pension fund and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was author of the Life and Sermons of John Alexander Roche, his father, and of "Biographical and Commemorative Discourses."

The Rev. Dr. Roche married in 1889 Miss Emma Clark Hendrickson of Brooklyn. There are four children, Ernest Spencer, Austin Summerfield, Paul Maurice Clark and Emeline Clark Roche. His summer home was in Saratoga Springs.

Andrew D. Purtell.

RED BANK, N. J., March 6.—Andrew D. Purtell, a former New York hotel man and one of the organizers of Company K, First Regiment of Zouaves, which he led as Captain in the civil war, died from heart disease last night at his Riverside avenue residence. His death came on his seventy-sixth birthday. Before moving here sixteen years ago Mr. Purtell conducted hotels at various times on Astor, West and Washington streets, New York. He was a prominent Democrat and was closely connected for many years with Tammany Hall. For a number of years he was clerk of Washington Market. He was a member of Engine Company 14 of the old New York Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Purtell served throughout the civil war. He was badly wounded in two engagements. He left five grown children.

George W. K. Taylor.

Funeral services for George W. K. Taylor, president of the McMann & Taylor Company, dealers in iron pipe fittings at 104 John street, will be held this evening in his home, 890 Park place, Brooklyn. Mr. Taylor, who was 60 years old, died suddenly on Sunday afternoon. He was a graduate of Cooper Union and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association and Crescent Lodge, F. and A. M. He was a director of the Greenwich Bank and a trustee of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn.

Ernest A. von Diezelski.

EAST ORANGE, N. J., March 6.—Ernest A. von Diezelski, employed by the United States Government for forty-eight years as fortification expert, died last night in his home, 353 Grove street North, East Orange, after six months illness. He was born in Germany, came to this country when 21 and served with the Sixteenth New York Cavalry in the civil war. He was a member of Ivanhoe Lodge, F. and A. M., of New York, and of Veal Dodd Post, G. A. R. His wife and two daughters survive.

William H. Dayton.

WINSTED, Conn., March 6.—William H. Dayton, 76 years old, inventor of machinery, who had represented the Excelsior Needle Company of Torrington in England, France and Germany, died of grip today in his home in Torrington. From 1888 to 1905 he was burgess of the borough and from 1905 to 1912 warden. Mr. Dayton leaves a son, James M. Dayton of East Orange, N. J.

William Pier.

VERONA, N. J., March 6.—William Pier, 82 years old, a farmer of Pier lane, Fairfield, died last night in a hospital at Paterson from injuries suffered when he was struck by a trolley car at Singac, near the home of Mme. Schumann-Heink. Mr. Pier's family is said to have taken the farm in 1680. Two sons, Charles and Isaac Pier of Newark, survive.

Anna Echland.

Anna Echland, 85 years old, who was found dead in her furnished room at 653 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, on Sunday, was a favorite actress in Sweden fifty years ago. She also played for years in Paris. She came to America thirty years ago and settled in Brooklyn and carried on a dressmaking business.

Mrs. Margaretta S. Conklin.

PATERSON, March 6.—Mrs. Margaretta S. Conklin, wife of W. E. Conklin, died yesterday in her home, 90 Seventeenth avenue. Her husband and one son, John W. Conklin, survive.

GEN. SMITH, NOTED AS ENGINEER, DEAD

Served During Civil War on Staffs of Grant and Sherman.

Brig.-Gen. William Sooy Smith, a noted civil engineer, died on Saturday at his home in Medford, Ore., in his eighty-seventh year.