

PROBING THE BEEF TRUST.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DAVIES STARTS AN INQUIRY HERE. MANY COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY HIM—THE GOVERNOR SUPPORTS THE INVESTIGATION.

The State of New-York, through Attorney General John C. Davies, is engaged in probing into the organization, constitution and methods of the meat trust. Mr. Davies came down from Albany yesterday personally to conduct a searching investigation into the operations of the trust in this city. The Attorney General quietly began the work of sifting gossip from facts in order to secure evidence that would be useful to him in the future when members and agents of the trust might be asked to appear before him. Mr. Davies, who is staying at the Hotel Manhattan, spent an hour or two yesterday afternoon at the office of Deputy Attorney General Job E. Hodges, No. 141 Broadway. While there he discussed the beef situation with a Tribune reporter in substantially these words: "I do not know," he said, "whether or not you here in New-York fully appreciate the extent of the criticism which has been leveled at the trust. In my own county, Oneida, there has been actual suffering on account of the exceptionally high rates charged by the Westerners. I have received many letters from different sections of the State. All of the writers complain of the present difficulty of supplying meat to their families. They ask me if I cannot do something to relieve them.

"Before I left Albany I talked over the meat situation with the Governor. I found him much interested in the subject and very much against any high-handed proceedings on the part of the trust. He is willing to indorse any step I may take looking to the relief of the citizens of the State. "I have found that the consumption of meat has materially lessened since the augmentation of the movement to learn when the Government and I are interested in the question because of the additional cost the rise in prices of meat will bring to the maintenance of the State institutions, as well as to private families. "I am not at liberty to tell the results of my investigations. I have heard plenty of rumors and many reports regarding the doings of the trust here, but until I can get some evidence to back up the reports I must keep silent. I can only say that, as far as my investigations have gone, it looks very much as if the trust is guilty of its legal power as a referee. If they are guilty of overstepping their rights I shall proceed against them on the ground of restraint of trade and of carrying on a business inimical to the public policy. It is criminal for any body of men to create a monopoly on a commodity that is essential to the maintenance of life. If any criminality is found, the proper remedy shall be instituted to bring wrongs against them."

ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATING. HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TABLES THE BEEF TRUST RESOLUTION.

Washington, April 15.—A letter from Attorney General Knox relative to the so-called Beef Trust was made public today by Representative Ray, of New-York, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. In view of the Attorney General's letter to the Judiciary Committee decided without delay to recommend that the resolution of Representative Thayer, of Massachusetts, asking the Attorney General what steps he had taken against the Beef Trust, lie on the table. The Attorney General's letter is given in Chairman Ray's report on the resolution.

The report says Mr. Ray's letter, dated April 12, to the Attorney General, in which the following questions are asked: First—Has your attention been called to the matter alleged in House Resolution 206, a copy of which is annexed? Second—Have you been requested to take any official action in the matter? Third—Have you any evidence of the existence of such a combination?

The Attorney General, in a letter of the same date, answers the questions as follows: First—It has not, except so far as it is a matter of general notoriety. Second—I have not. Third—None that could be classed as legal evidence. It is proper, I think, however, to add that owing to the positive, oft repeated and circumstantial nature of the allegations, a thorough investigation has been directed to be made by one of the district attorneys in the United States, or the purpose of ascertaining whether in fact such combination existed, and whether, if so, its operations were in violation of any federal statute.

Continuing the report says: It is apparent from this correspondence that there is no necessity for the adoption of the resolution. By reason of the widespread notoriety of the matter the Attorney General has been obliged to already ordered a thorough investigation. There is no doubt he will perform his duty and prosecute all offenders, if offenders there be. It is evident that he should not be required to give in detail the steps already taken, as this would be to forewarn those who are violating the law and enable them to conceal evidence. It is also evident that the Attorney General cannot state whether or not there has been an infringement of the law, as no evidence has been presented to him upon which to base an opinion, and it is his duty to give an opinion as to whether or not there has been an infringement of the law until the facts are fully ascertained. It is also evident that no legal steps can be taken toward a prosecution of the parties violating the law until a thorough investigation has been made. In short, the letter of the Attorney General above quoted answers the resolution as fully as it can be or ought to be at this time.

SHEPARD TO SPEAK TO-MORROW. EXPECTED TO REVIEW LOW'S ADMINISTRATION UP TO DATE.

Edward M. Shepard, the Tammany candidate for Mayor last fall, has promised to speak at the dinner of the Harlem Democratic Club in the Harlem Casino to-morrow night, and it is understood that Mr. Shepard will review the acts of Mayor Low's administration up to date. He intimated in his speech at the Democratic club on Monday night that he had something on his mind in the way of a criticism of Mr. Low, and the Harlem Tammany men said last night that Mr. Shepard would attack the Mayor. The meeting is in the XXXIst Assembly Hall, at 135th St. and 10th Ave. Mr. Shepard is president of the club, and the dinner will be in honor of the birthday of Thomas Jefferson. Among those who are expected to speak are Lewis Nixon, Congressman Robert W. Davis, of Florida, and John B. Stanchfield, Governor Joseph D. Rogers of Texas and ex-Governor Frank Brown of Maryland. Invitations have been sent to ex-President Cleveland, ex-Secretary Fairchild, John G. Carlisle, an ex-Senator David E. Hill.

STOCK OFFERED WITH A BONUS.

The Fore River Ship and Engine Company, at Quincy, Mass., has just placed on the market 10,000 shares of preferred stock at \$100 a share, offering a bonus of one share of common stock for every two of preferred that is bought. The company is capitalized as follows: Preferred stock, 20,000 shares, at \$2,000,000, and common stock, 20,000 shares, at \$2,000,000. The company reserves the right to withdraw this bonus at any time. The Fore River Ship and Engine Company, at Quincy, Mass., organized by F. O. Wellington and T. A. Watson. Last year the company, having established a large plant at Quincy, was incorporated. Among the contracts it has undertaken are the building of the battleship New-Jersey and the cruiser Des Moines and a number of torpedo boat destroyers.

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BRICK ONLY DENTED MAN'S SKULL.

AFTER FALLING THIRTEEN STORIES IT GLANCED FROM A MARVELLOUS CRANIUM AND INJURED ANOTHER PERSON.

According to hospital and police reports, Joseph Berment, thirty-five years old, a house-smith, of No. 1,500 Brook-ave., The Bronx, has a remarkable head. Last evening he was at work on the ground floor of a new apartment house at No. 42 West Thirty-fifth-st. In some manner a brick became dislodged on the thirteenth floor. It struck Berment on the head, and, according to the report of Policeman Troy, of the Tenderloin station, made a "small dent" in his skull. Berment, however, was knocked senseless by the force of the blow.

Dr. Wells, of the New-York Hospital, made a hurried examination, while Berment's fellow workmen stood about, wondering what would become of his widow. "Why, this man is not going to die," said the surgeon, as he finished his examination. "His skull is not even fractured, or, at least, so far as can be determined now."

Dr. Wells took Berment to the hospital, where he could make a more thorough examination. Berment was placed on the operating table. One or two fellow surgeons helped Dr. Wells, but nothing more serious was found than the little "dent" in the skull. In speaking of the case later, Dr. Wells said Berment's condition was not in the least serious. "This man either has a remarkably hard head or was struck by an unusually soft brick," was the surgeon's comment. "He will probably go back to work to-morrow."

OLD UNSERVED WARRANTS FOUND.

TAKEN FROM UNUSED DESK IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE—FOR HOUSES OF A POLICY MAN.

Thirty-six unserved warrants for violations of the policy law and two articles of children's underwear were found yesterday in a desk long uncoupled in the District Attorney's office. County Detective Reardon desired a new desk. One was brought out and placed in the detective's rooms of the District Attorney's office. On opening the desk Reardon was surprised to find the warrants. Some of them were dated in the first months of 1896, but most of them were dated within a year and a half. They were unserved warrants for houses said to be owned by a well known sporting man interested in policy. There is nothing about them which would identify the recipient, whether any action was taken or why they were put aside. They were turned over to District Attorney Jerome, who will investigate.

THE COLLATERAL LOAN TAX.

COMMISSIONER YERKES SAYS HE MUST ENFORCE THE LAW—ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION ASKED.

Washington, April 15.—John W. Yerkes, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, has made public his letter to Lewis Cass Lodge, of New-York, attorney for the New-York Stock Exchange, in reply to Mr. Lodge's argument asking for a reconsideration and reversal of the ruling made by the Commissioner in February last, by which it was held that where certificates of stock were used as collateral for loans, and were delivered by the lender, the amount borrowed, date of the transaction, and the name and value of the securities included in the envelope, that such transaction was subject to the stamp tax imposed by the first clause of Schedule A of the War Revenue acts of June, 1898, and March, 1899. The Commissioner is of the opinion that, even without such memorandum, the transaction is taxable, but in the case under consideration there was a delivery of the stock to secure the future payment of money, and furthermore the memorandum above referred to. The Commissioner holds that the act according to the rulings of the bureau, but from the date of the repeal of the mortgage clause he considered it his duty to enforce the collection of the proper tax where stock was used as collateral and where any memorandum was made a part of the transaction. The Commissioner does not agree with Mr. Lodge that the amounts involved will be stupendous or that unusual hardship will result to taxpayers by the enforcement of the law. But, regarding the law after careful consideration of its language and then enforce it.

Mr. Lodge had requested that if the commissioner could not agree with him in his views of the case under consideration on the opinion of the Attorney General be asked. The commissioner, because of the large number of persons interested in this case, as well as because of the amounts involved, has agreed to comply with the request, and will request the Secretary of the Treasury to submit all the papers to the Attorney General, with a request that he give his opinion on the questions involved.

PARISH CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY.

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION COMPLETES ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR. The seventy-fifth anniversary of the Parish of the Church of the Ascension, Fifth-ave. and Tenth-st., was celebrated last night by a reception in the Chapel of the Comforter, No. 10 Horatio-st. The parish was founded in 1827, and every year the parish has a special service. Mrs. Henry Humland arranged the programme of instrumental music, singing, recitations and games.

PLASTERERS' LABORERS STRIKE.

The strike of plasterers' laborers to enforce the demand for \$35 a day which was scheduled for yesterday happened on time, and the laborers refused to work at every building where the demand was refused. Late on Monday night the Plasterers' Union met in Military Hall, No. 103 Bowery, and issued final instructions for making the demand. Every union plasterer went to his work as usual yesterday morning, and made the demand. When it was refused he doffed his overalls and went away.

HEBREW SHOPKEEPERS PROTEST.

THEY ASK SPECIALLY THAT THE POLICE BE LENIENT NEXT SUNDAY, THE DAY BEFORE PASSOVER. A letter of protest against the enforcement of the Sunday closing laws was sent yesterday to Mayor Low and Police Commissioner Bridge, demanding that the East Side merchants and peddlers be permitted to continue their trade on Sundays, and declaring that the raids made upon them by Captain Walsh, of the Eldridge-st. police station, are outrageous. The letter makes a strong plea in behalf of the thousands of poor residents of that part of the city, who are unable to purchase food in advance, as they do not possess the proper storing facilities. It asks that the police be lenient on the special requests that the coming Sunday be set aside as a day on which the market may be opened, and peddlers and small shopkeepers may sell their goods. This special appeal is made because the Hebrew holiday of Passover will begin on the following day, and it is believed that many Jewish families will buy their supplies unless they do it on Sunday. In previous years, the letter asserts, the city government has made a rule to permit the sale of victuals and other household supplies on the day preceding a Jewish festival. Commissioner Partridge sent Captain Walsh yesterday, and held a long conference with him. The East Side merchants and peddlers were organized and storekeepers were organized to visit the Mayor and Police Commissioner, and present their grievances. The letter says: "It is a campaign for religious freedom! It is a campaign for the proper observance of our Sabbath day. And the campaign is now!"

TO FLOCK BY THEMSELVES.

NOTICE SERVED ON CITIZENS UNION AND INDEPENDENT ALDERMEN.

REPUBLICAN MEMBERS HOLD A CAUCUS FROM WHICH THE FORMER ARE EXCLUDED—WHY THE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

The Republican members of the Board of Aldermen yesterday served emphatic notice on the Citizens Union and Independent Democratic members of the board to "flock by themselves." The affront was unmistakable, as the Republicans met in caucus following the adjournment of the board meeting, with the Citizens Union and Greater New-York Democracy men on the outside of the glass doors of the council chamber.

The action by the Republicans yesterday was largely the outcome of the discussion of the aldermanic situation on Friday night last week at the so-called fusion caucus, when Alderman Goodman, the leader of the majority until he resigned that post, some time ago, urged his colleagues to assume responsibility for the acts of the Low administration, and make the lines as tight as possible. The lukewarm Independent Democrats and Citizens Union members, to the number of about twenty, did not attend the caucus on Friday night, but at the round-up yesterday afternoon thirty Republicans took part in the proceedings.

The Republican members of the board last night said that their action was provoked by the course taken by the independents themselves. On account of disappointment over failure to secure patronage, the Independent Democrats were falling out of the fusion ranks, asserting that they were "going it alone." They declared that they owed it to their constituents to cut loose from the fusion majority and secure all the political places within their reach. This attitude did not strike the Republican members as just and proper, and they told their recalcitrant brethren so. Since last Friday some of the Republican members of the board have been engaged in missionary work among the more indifferent, and yesterday's caucus was the result.

The Tammany members of the board have been laughing at the Independents. They have been trying to get them because of their failure to secure the patronage that they had planned to get, and have offered many suggestions about returning to Tammany and getting in line for future good times. Now that the Republicans have served notice on the Independent Democrats in the board, it will be interesting to notice just what will happen. The words of the Mayor would like to see the board in the hands of a majority of well wishers of the administration, but if such a thing is impracticable, they say the administration can take care of itself. The Mayor has given the Board of Estimate and Apportionment power until May 1 to readjust salary schedules without the concurrence of the board. About the most important thing that the aldermen will have to do in the way of legislation for the next year is the confirmation of the Rapid Transit Commission's contract with the Pennsylvania Railroad for the building of the tunnel across Manhattan Island. It will be some time, however, before the aldermen have to pass on the measure, and there is little doubt that public sentiment will be so strongly in favor of its ratification that the aldermen will vote for it without referring to the partisan line.

At the caucus of the aldermen yesterday President Cromwell of Richmond presided. Some of the Independent Democrats who were not invited to the conference were Messrs. Dowling, Florence, Lindy and Malone. All of these are Democrats, and were elected on the fusion ticket. Alderman Wentz, of Brooklyn, after the conference adjourned yesterday afternoon, said that he would not be present. The Independent Democrats were not invited to the conference. Alderman McInnes, vice-president of the board, said that it made little difference whether the Independent Democrats were invited or not, as there would be enough votes to pass every popular measure on its merits.

SHEEHAN MEN ANGRY AT HILL.

PARTNERSHIP WITH TAMMANY TIGHTENS THE LINES OF THE INDEPENDENTS.

The most noticeable effect of the new political partnership between ex-Senator David B. Hill and the Tammany Democrats is the tightening of the lines of hostility between the independent Democratic organizations and Tammany. Mr. Hill went back to Albany yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, after talking over the political situation with Frank Campbell, Democratic State chairman, at the Hoffman House. Mr. Campbell objects to the harmony programme in so far as it sidetracks him to give the management of the campaign to Senator McCarren. Mr. Campbell spoke hopefully of Democratic harmony when talking for publication. His friends know, however, that he keenly resents being supplanted by Mr. McCarren.

The friends of John C. Sheehan are not as kindly disposed toward Mr. Hill as they were before he made his speech at the Democratic Club. They begin to believe that he is preparing to do the political "straddle" act at their expense. His action is interpreted as meaning that he will work with the Tammany men under Lewis Nixon. He did not attend the dinner in honor of John C. Sheehan, but he did go to the gathering last night, and he was seen in the company of Lewis Nixon in the Democratic organization in this county.

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NEW-JERSEY NEWS.

PROVIDES FOR ACTRESS NURSE.

PITTSBURG MAN LEAVES LIFE INCOME TO WOMAN WHO TOOK CARE OF HIM.

Farmingdale, N. J., April 15 (Special).—The will of Henry M. Bennett, of Pittsburg, who died here last Friday, was read to relatives and devisees this afternoon by John F. Hawkins, of Asbury Park, who prepared the document last September. As was expected, the principal legatees are Mrs. Laura Biggar, the principal for the last four years was Mr. Bennett's companion and nurse; Ira H. Shattuck, proprietor of the Nicotlet House, Minneapolis, brother-in-law; P. J. McNulty, a former secretary, and R. M. Gulick, of Pittsburg, a business associate. Mrs. Biggar was present when the will was read.

The document, which was very voluminous, will be offered for probate at Freehold on Monday. James W. Platt, of Pittsburg, and John F. Hawkins, of Asbury Park, were made executors without bonds, and are to receive \$5,000 each for their services in lieu of fees. Mr. McNulty is also to give his services in the settlement of the estate. In case either of the executors fails to serve, Frank Armstrong, of Pittsburg, is to be executor in his stead for a like consideration.

All debts and expenses are to be paid by May 1, and the remainder of the estate is to be divided as follows: To Mrs. Laura Biggar, the house at No. 119 East Eighty-third-st., New-York, valued at \$40,000, and the income to be paid within ten days after the probate of the will and an annuity of \$1,800 a year as long as she lives, the principal on her death to go to her son, Willis J. Biggar, or, if he be dead, to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Asbury Park; to Ira H. Shattuck, the Windsor Stock Farm, at this place, of nearly five hundred acres, and forty-five blooded horses, including Cascade, Zaza, Willis J. Alcantara, Jr., Milo Wilkes, Sir Bevis, Signal Star, Lady Bevis and Doctor Mac, together with all stock and machinery, except the three colts of horses, to be selected by William Dudgeon, former manager of the farm, who is also to have \$1,000; to P. J. McNulty, a two-thirds interest in forty acres of land near West Brownsville, Penn., a house at No. 21 North Second-st., at Allegheny City, Penn., and Mr. Bennett's gold watch and chain.

The Bijou Theatre, in Pittsburg, is to be continued for five years, during which time R. S. Gulick, Mr. Bennett's partner, is to have a one-third interest in the profits and \$30 a week in the theatrical seasons. Mr. Gulick is also made the residuary legatee. The Bijou Theatre property at the end of the five years is to be divided between Mrs. Biggar, who is to receive 60 per cent, and P. J. McNulty, who is to get the rest.

Samuel Croker Bennett, a nephew, and Mary Bennett, a niece, receive \$5,000 each, and George B. White, of Farmingdale, \$1,000. Mary Diskin, of Pittsburg, receives \$500, and a trust fund of \$10,000 is left to the Asbury Park Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, or to the Mayor and Council for such purposes, should no such society exist. The Monmouth Trust Company, of Asbury Park, is made trustee of \$10,000, the income to be devoted to keeping the Bennett lot in Mount Prospect Cemetery, Asbury Park, in order. Five thousand dollars is left for the construction of an entrance to the cemetery. Mr. Bennett and his wife lie in Mount Prospect Cemetery in a vault capped by a piece of marble weighing thirty tons. Over the vault is a marble shaft seventy-six feet high, which cost \$20,000. The entire estate is valued at nearly \$2,000,000.

SHOOTS FRIEND AND HIMSELF.

MAN JUST BACK FROM WEST SAID HIS WIFE WAS INSULTED.

John Droughton and James Shelby lie close together in St. Michael's Hospital, Newark, each with a bullet in his head. Both are expected to die. Droughton shot Shelby and then himself. An alleged insult to Mrs. Droughton was the reason given for the shooting. Droughton, who is a machinist, returned yesterday from a long trip West. Last night he went to the saloon of James Murphy, at Central-ave. and North Third-st., East Newark, where Shelby was. When Droughton appeared the men in the place greeted him with a shout of welcome. Shelby joined in the greeting, and started from the bar toward Droughton, with whom he had been friendly for years. As Shelby advanced Droughton saw him, and breaking off his greetings with the other men, started toward Shelby, at the same time calling him a name and adding: "I'll teach you to insult my wife."

Shelby's hand dropped to his side and he stood still. Droughton drew a revolver and fired at his former friend. The bullet entered Shelby's right eye and took a somewhat downward course. Droughton then turned to the men who had risen from the tables and commanded them to stand still. His revolver covered them as he retreated to the door. His wife was on the step of their home. He said nothing to her, but ran into the house and upstairs. They, sitting in a rocking chair, he brought a bullet into his own head. Mrs. Droughton then explained her husband's remark about her having been insulted. She will only say that her husband had been drinking.

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