

# AUBURN MEN SPOKE

## Skaneateles Business Men's Dinner a Fine Affair.

## SYRACUSE REPRESENTED, TOO

## Mayor Aiken and President Metcalf Did the Talking for the Auburn Business Men.

Skaneateles, Jan. 9.—Business men of this village, Syracuse and Auburn to the number of 118 met round the festive board last night on the occasion of the eighth annual dinner of the Skaneateles Business Men's association. The dinner was served at Library hall and all who were so fortunate as to be present declare that it was the most enjoyable in the history of the local association.

The following excellent menu was excellently served:

Tomato bouillon	Salad	Olives
Escalloped oysters	Macaroni	Fried chicken
Crab-apple sauce	Cold ham	
Vienna rolls	Grain bread	
Ice cream	Cake	
Comme	Baited nuts	Cigars

The dinner was extended a most cordial welcome by Charles G. Weeks, the retiring president of the local association, who acted as toastmaster. The guests of honor and the speakers of the evening were President Dennis McCarthy of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Edwin D. Metcalf of the Auburn Business Men's association, Mayor E. Clarence Aiken of Auburn, and Rev. E. J. Homestead and W. Newton Gies of this village.

President Metcalf said that it was the duty of every resident of a town to patronize home industries. He thought that there was a great opportunity for the town of Skaneateles if the people would invest money in industries by using their water power advantages instead of sending it farther west.

He then returned to the idea of patronizing home industries and said that if the inhabitants could not find what they wanted at Skaneateles they should next try Auburn as we were only seven miles away while Syracuse was 17 miles. His address was very well delivered and was well received by the banqueters present.

Mayor Aiken was then introduced, as the mayor of Auburn, "near where Skaneateles is," and he referred to the similarity between the saying "Sohlah" near Birmingham and Skaneateles near Auburn. He said that the former was the case a few years ago when he was traveling through England but that since that time the saying has been turned about and it now is Birmingham near Sohlah. Not being satisfied with the present situation it was Skaneateles near Auburn and not Skaneateles near Syracuse. He then made a play upon a part of the saying "Dennis McCarthy" president of the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, who said that the people of Skaneateles made the Syracuseans pay their high for their drinking water but that they got back at them by making them come to Syracuse for all of their wet goods.

Mayor Aiken said that the people of this city would not care if they did not buy any of their wet goods here; in fact Syracuse was welcome to the trade, if only in this city. He said that the saying "Sohlah" introduced as the mayor of Auburn made him compare himself with the principal of the show. The Mayor of Tokio, who is tickled to death by an ostrich feather. However the mayors of Auburn are tickled to death by the newspapers, first on one side, then on the other. The mayor's cranium, he said, was headquarters for ideas and not a mere loafing place for hair; that in this age of Rooseveltism, when he told Congress that laws to pass at the time they passed them, he told the governor who to appoint speaker of the Assembly and he was appointed, and the governor told the legislature what legislation to pass and they were expected to be the whole thing, he said.

At the annual election, held before the banquet, the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, F. E. Stone; secretary, J. Charles Stephenson; treasurer, H. W. Holton; executive committee, George E. Barber, H. G. Dettl and H. C. Williams. The following is the list of the members of the association and guests present at the banquet:

Philip Allen, S. N. Allen, J. R. Allen, A. J. Allen, E. C. Aiken, J. L. Alburt, Charles H. Abbott, Charles C. Adams, D. Beebe, Judge E. T. Bartlett, Moses Brunestein, Fred B. Benson, Arthur H. Brown, James P. Burns, John A. Barber, George E. Barber, H. W. Brown, F. L. Bassett, Dennis Rockes, D. A. Brays, Frank S. Berry, Harry D. Clark, W. W. Clark, E. H. Callahan, W. F. Cuddeback, Earl F. Cushman, W. L. Cavell, F. W. Clark, Richard G. Davis, D. C. Colton, John Coyne, H. G. Davall, John Durkin, W. A. Dorland, C. P. DeWitt, J. L. Dix, W. B. DeWitt, M. F. Dillon, John Ennis, E. Fitzpatrick, George W. Gibbons, Karl Gregory, C. W. Grant, C. H. Gregory, F. C. Glasville, W. N. Giles, H. J. Hubbard, H. W. Holton, Rev. E. J. Homestead, Dr. E. P. Hall, M. F. Heiney, Charles H. Haxford, George P. Healy, W. H. Hall, W. H.

# NON-SUIT DENIED

## Baxter, Action Will Probably Go to the Jury.

## ONE DECREE OF DIVORCE

## Nettie M. Young Procures It Against Harry Young—Other Cases in January Term.

The trial of the \$20,000 damage action brought by Angeline Baxter, an administratrix, against the Auburn & Syracuse Electric Railroad Company to recover that amount for the death of her husband, Charles E. Baxter, killed, it is alleged, as the result of being struck by a trolley car in Lincoln street July 27, 1904, is on before Justice Sutherland in Supreme court Tuesday. Attorneys Drummond & Drummond for the plaintiff finished their case and rested this morning.

John D. Teller argued a motion for a non-suit in behalf of the defendant for over an hour, citing authorities and cases in support of the motion. It was promptly denied by Justice Sutherland and the defense opened. It is expected that all the evidence will be in this afternoon.

Testimony in the divorce action brought by Nettie M. Young against Harry Young was submitted last evening. There was no appearance on the part of the defendant. Interlocutory decree of divorce was granted by Justice Sutherland and Attorney L. K. R. Laird for the plaintiff was directed to prepare his findings.

After hearing evidence in the action brought by John S. Cady against George Vincent this morning Justice Sutherland rendered judgment in favor of the plaintiff for \$30.16.

## FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Sudden demise of Elijah Hickok, a Cato Man. Coroner Weber of Ira was called Tuesday to the home of Elijah Hickok which is situated about two miles west of the town of Cato to investigate the cause of Hickok's sudden death. Mr. Hickok, a man of middle age, worked all day yesterday and was in apparently good health. He ate a hearty meal last evening and retired for the night at 9 o'clock. His wife awoke at midnight and tried to awaken him but could not do so. Having something wrong she ran for assistance to the nearest neighbor, about one-half mile away, and called Dr. F. H. Eason of Cato. When Doctor Ross arrived he pronounced the man dead and immediately notified Coroner Weber, who gave the cause of death as cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Hickok was a well known man, highly respected and a man who would be missed in any community. He is survived by his wife only.

## COMING TO AUBURN.

Rural Mail Carrier Sentenced at Elmira to One Year and Six Months. Elmira, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Seth H. Green of Cohocton pleaded guilty before Judge Hazel at Buffalo at the opening of the regular term of the United States Circuit court here today and was sentenced to one year and six months in Auburn prison. Green was a rural mail carrier and stole from the mails. He was arrested in the west, having fled after committing the crime.

## W. D. Tuller's Estate.

A decree granted by County Judge Searing approving the accounting of Alice P. Tuller in the matter of the estate of Watson D. Tuller, an incompetent person, and discharging her as such committee was filed in the county clerk's office today. In the account the committee charged herself with \$17,688.71, disbursements \$2,426.45, leaving a balance of \$15,262.26. The real estate is valued at \$6,000 and the personal property was ordered turned over to the administratrix of the deceased incompetent. It amounts to \$9,262.26.

## SERIOUS FIRE IN BOSTON.

Spontaneous Combustion in Bale of Wool Results in \$150,000 Blaze. Boston, Jan. 9.—Fire in one of a group of five six story buildings owned by the Factory Buildings Trust at the corner of Wormwood and a street, South Boston, caused a loss of between \$125,000 and \$150,000 today. The fire started from spontaneous combustion in a bale of wool which was being unpacked and sorted by employees of the Railway Supply & Manufacturing company on the third floor and, although efforts were made promptly to put out the fire with buckets of water, the employees were driven out. Five alarms, including one on the automatic circuit were given, calling practically all of the fire apparatus in the center of the city to the scene, including a fire boat and the force was sufficient to contain the flames to the building in which they originated. Low water pressure and freezing weather hampered the firemen. The principal losers are the Railway Supply & Manufacturing company which occupied practically all the building, with damage placed at above \$50,000; the Hallett & Davis Piano company, damage by water \$50,000 to \$75,000; and the Factory

# MR. YANTIS WILL STAY.

## Popular Pastor Declines Unanimous Call to Albion.

Auburnians in general and members of the congregation of the First Universalist church in particular will be gratified to learn that Rev. Arnold S. Yantis, pastor of that church, has decided not to accept the unanimous call recently extended to him by the Pullman Memorial church at Albion, N. Y. Mr. Yantis this afternoon made the announcement of his determination to remain.

Since coming to this city Mr. Yantis has made numerous friends who have learned to look up to him as a good man in a community. He likes Auburn and Auburn likes him.

## AT THE SEMINARY.

Work Resumed After Holiday Respite—Some Additions. Work at the Seminary for the second term opened Monday night in the chapel at 7 o'clock. Doctor Hoyt delivered an address on the theme, "The Strength and Weaknesses of Young Men." He will be the regular chapel leader for the opening week. Classroom work was resumed this morning according to schedule prepared before the holidays.

Many of the students arrived yesterday afternoon and last night. Faculty and students were all on hand this morning for a good term's work. There are several new additions to the student body. Noon today found the SHIMAN clubhouse re-sounding with the old-time merriment.

## THE OSBORNE RELIEF.

Officers for Year Chosen at Last Night's Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Osborne Relief association was held last evening in the offices of the company. About 65 were present. These officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, G. M. Hutchings; first vice president, A. W. Magier; second vice president, E. W. Dunham; treasurer, W. R. Hattie; secretary, W. L. Hodder.

William Crouse was elected a member of the Executive committee for two years to succeed himself and Frank J. Schell was elected for two years to succeed Charles Sherwood. T. M. Osborne made some remarks on his retirement from the association after 22 years' connection with it. He spoke of his interest in the association not only because of his personal relations with the men but particularly because of the fact that his father had founded the association. He regretted that circumstances required his withdrawal and said that he was ready and willing to assist at all times in any way in his power. He closed by expression of best wishes for continued success.

## NATIONAL BANK OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers of the Cayuga County National Bank was held today and resulted as follows: President, George H. Nye; vice president, Charles P. Burr; cashier, Charles Hocking; directors, G. H. Nye, Charles P. Burr, Orlando Lewis, Charles A. Smith, N. B. Eldred, Herbert Howland, John D. Teller, William E. Keeler and E. D. Metcalf.

## SKULL FRACTURED BY FALL.

Alleged Burglar Dying in a New York Hospital. New York, Jan. 9.—A man whom the police say is a burglar, and who bears a letter of introduction on a letter head of the New York State Assembly, is dying in Roosevelt hospital from a fracture of the skull received while resisting arrest today. The police have refused to tell who wrote the letter of introduction. Because the dying man closely resembles a picture in the Rogues' gallery his name has been registered on the police records as Walter Clark, which is the name on the photograph. The resemblance to this picture led a patrolman who saw him carrying a bundle on the Tenth avenue before daylight today and who remembered that he had seen such a face in the Rogues' gallery to demand to know what Clarkson had in the bundle. After refusing to answer several such demands the man threw the bundle in the patrolman's face. The officer struck him on the shoulder with a night stick. Clarkson turned to run, the policeman said, but slipped and fell against a hydrant, fracturing his skull. The bundle was later opened and its contents were identified, the police say, as the property of a junk dealer, whose shop was robbed last night.

# FINALLY IN COURT

## Trial of Gaynor and Green Begun at Savannah.

## MUCH INTEREST IN THE CASE

## Indictments Charge the Defendants With Conspiracy and Embezzlement.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 9.—Benjamin D. Green and John F. Gaynor appeared this morning in the Federal court for the Southern district of Georgia before Judge Emory Spear to answer to several indictments, charging them with conspiracy to defraud the government, with embezzlement and with receiving money known to have been embezzled from the United States.

The attendance in the court room was large, the interest among the members of the bar being particularly intense.

With the two defendants appeared Peter W. Meldrim as leading counsel and Osborne and Lawrence as associate counsel. Shing with the defendants, too, though not engaged in the case, was James Gaynor of New York, a brother of John F. Gaynor. For the government appeared Special United States Attorney General Marion Ewin, assisted by Samuel B. Adams and General Thomas F. Barr, United States army, retired, and formerly judge advocate general, whom Mr. Ewin introduced to the court as assigned by the attorney general to assist in the prosecution.

## CONTESTING BROTHER'S WILL.

Palmer, 96 Years Old, Joins in Effort to Break Instrument. New York, Jan. 9.—A contest over the \$900,000 estate of Francis A. Palmer, former president of the Broadway Bank, was begun in the Supreme court yesterday. James R. Palmer, of San Francisco, 88 years old, a brother of the testator, and Gertrude A. Knapp and Mary C. Kepper of Wallingford, Conn., nieces of the testator, are the contestants. The two women are children of another brother of Francis Palmer. Mr. Palmer left about \$100,000 to relatives and the remainder of his fortune to religious and educational institutions and to the Francis Asbury Palmer fund. The three heirs are contesting, charging that the will was procured by fraud.

## DOWNED TRYING TO SAVE COMPANION.

Buffalo, Jan. 9.—Dorothy F. Borchard, a 12 year old girl, was drowned last evening while trying to rescue a companion who had broken through the ice. Dorothy with William Watts and Mary Sharkey, companions of her own age, were skating on a pond near Delaware park when the ice began to give way. The street was not thickly populated, for most of the former dwellers had left on account of fear of just what happened. Many of the residents had left their homes early in the evening before the final break came. The Nelsons were endeavoring to move their effects and the rabbi was assisting them. This was also the case with Mrs. Silverman and her son.

## SIMPSON MURDER CASE.

Northport, L. I., Jan. 9.—The hearing of James W. Simpson, charged with the murder of Bartley T. Horner, on December 27, which was continued yesterday, brought out the most dramatic incident which the whole queer case has produced when Mrs. Ella Horner, the wife of the dead man, came on the stand as a witness for the prosecution. Her testimony was given many times in spite of the objections of the attorney for the prosecution and the warning of Justice Partridge asking her to wait until he could decide whether the question asked was material or not.

## WIFE OF THE ACCUSED ON THE STAND FOR THE PROSECUTION.

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The regular meeting of the Cayuga County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be held in the office of A. Bank building on Tuesday, January 11, at 7 o'clock.

# MANY KILLED IN LANDSLIDE

## Cave-in of Clay Bank Carried at Least a Score to Death.

## AWFUL CATASTROPHE AT HAVERSTRAW

## Earth Softened by Recent Rain Gave Way Precipitating Houses and Their Occupants into the Pit 100 Feet Below—Wreckage Caught Fire and Many Victims Burned to Death—Another Slide Is Feared.

Haverstraw, N. Y., Jan. 9.—A force of men worked almost frantically today to uncover the ruins of the houses carried down in last night's landslide, which occurred shortly before midnight. Up to 11 o'clock there had been little success, owing to the great mass of clay to be moved and to the fact that where the houses had burned the debris was so hot that the work was very slow. At that time it was estimated that 20 or more persons were dead as a result of the falling away of the ground and the fire that followed. The names of those believed to have been killed follow:

The Victims.  
Joseph Albart.  
The Rev. Mr. Aiden, Jewish rabbi.  
Mrs. Bailey.  
Abraham Bias.  
John Bangell.  
M. and Mrs. William Cohen and their five children.  
Thomas Hughes.  
Bartlett McGovern.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mannion.  
Harry Neilson, a clothing merchant, and his son, Benjamin.  
Mrs. Silverman and child.  
Debris Caught Fire.

Undermined by the shifting clay that had been softened by yesterday's snowfall and rain, the several homes toppled over the brink of the pit and crumbled to pieces. The houses, which were of wood, were set fire from overturned stoves and the debris was soon a mass of flames. Some 50 or more tenants escaped with more or less serious injuries, while a number, now estimated at 20, are believed to have been killed outright or burned to death.

## NO WARNING OF CATASTROPHE.

The landslide occurred on Rutland street in the east end of the town, where two blocks of houses are supposed to have been undermined by workers digging clay for brick making. The catastrophe occurred without warning and while many of the victims were asleep. Seven houses went down in the crash. They had stood on the brink of a pit 100 feet deep and when the clay gave way they were carried to the pit's bottom.

## SOME VICTIMS OF FLAMES.

Those who were not killed in the crash of their homes, either escaped with many injuries or were burned to death in the ruins which immediately took fire. The landslide broke the water mains, shutting off the supply of water and greatly impeding the work of rescue.

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Unresented, the flames spread to other buildings and but for the timely arrival of hundreds of volunteer firefighters, might have wiped out the town. Danger Had Been Foreseen. The landslide came gradually at first. The ground, weakened by the rain and snow of the last few days, showed crevices near the edge of the street late in the afternoon and in the evening portions of the bank began to give way. The street was not thickly populated, for most of the former dwellers had left on account of fear of just what happened.

Many of the residents had left their homes early in the evening before the final break came. The Nelsons were endeavoring to move their effects and the rabbi was assisting them. This was also the case with Mrs. Silverman and her son. When the final slide came it came so suddenly that those who lingered in their houses had absolutely no opportunity to escape. The bank caved from 20 to 60 feet within at the top and for a distance of two blocks from Division to Jefferson streets lengthwise. A portion of the south side of Division street likewise fell.

## SLIDE CAME WITH A CRASH.

Those who lived in three houses at the end of the row and which did not go down in the wreck were aroused by a frightful roar and crash, above which could be heard the shrieks of the victims. There was a plunge, a shivering of the earth all around and then there was stillness. Gap Where Homes Stood. When the neighbors rushed, half clad, from their houses, the buildings close to them had disappeared.

# INQUIRY IS CONTINUED.

## Coroner Mir's Statement Yesterday Only a Preliminary Report.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 9.—The coroner's inquiry into the strange occurrence of Charles A. Edwards of New York at the Hiller homestead last week will not end for a considerable period of time, the finding made public yesterday being only in the nature of the preliminary report. Today Medical Examiner Bartlett and Doctor Ferriss were at the Hiller homestead making chemical tests of the blood stains found on the back stairs rail, in the dining room and in the chamber occupied by Mr. Edwards last Tuesday night.

## THE PRINTERS' STRIKE.

Of 247 Shops in New York 210 Have Signed Agreement. New York, Jan. 9.—Out of 247 printing houses in this city 210 have signed the 8 hour day, and closed shop agreement with the printers, according to a statement issued today by President McCormick of Typographical Union No. 6.

## EMBEZZLED OVER \$10,000.

Bank Official Confessed and Helped in Investigation. Chester, Pa., Jan. 9.—John Franklin Challenger, secretary and treasurer of the Delaware County Trust Company, one of the largest banking institutions in the city, a society man and a member of all of the leading clubs and fraternal organizations of Chester, was arrested as he was leaving the Gibson Law building, where a conference was held with the bank officials, on the charge of embezzling \$10,500.

## CHALLENGER HAS BEEN IN THE BANK FOR 15 YEARS, GOING THERE AS AN OFFICE BOY. WHEN CONFRONTED WITH EVIDENCE HE CONFESSED TO THE CRIME AND HELPED THE BANK OFFICIALS TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION. WHEN ASKED WHY HE APPROPRIATED THE MONEY TO HIS OWN USE HE SAID THAT HE DID IT TO LIVE HIGH, AND THAT HE HAD NOT GAMBLER OR SPECULATED. HE WAS RELEASED ON A BOND FOR \$10,000 FOR FURTHER HEARING.