

THE WATER BOARD

Mostly Routine Business at Today's Regular Meeting.

SUIT WENT AGAINST HAINES

But Costs Were Taxed Against Department and Commissioners Want to Know Why.

A regular meeting of the Water Board was held this afternoon to dispose of a collection of routine matters. No mention was made of the controversy between the Water commission and the International Harvester Company...

Reports from Dr. W. W. Waite of Syracuse, bacteriologist, stated that only one sample of water since October 1 had shown signs of the presence of coliform bacilli.

The financial report of Superintendent J. Walter Ackerman showed the sum of \$9,037.18 in the general fund and \$1,322.46 in the special fund.

The superintendent reported that the Auburn Light, Heat & Power Company had paid the fine of \$10 imposed upon it at a recent meeting.

City Attorney J. Henry Kerr reported that in the action of Orrin T. Haines against the Water department to recover a month's wages alleged to be due because of the failure to accept his resignation...

Mrs. W. W. Crane appeared before the board to ask for payment of a bill for \$168.88 for work done for the Trunk Manufacturing Company.

Dr. A. H. Brown requested that a meter be removed from his premises in William street as he alleged it was unsanitary.

The bill of the town of Owasco for \$130 as the Water department's share for lighting expenses was held up by President Conway.

The schedule of bills for the past two weeks was audited in the sum of \$2,303.10. Several large items were: Coal, \$304.95, Garrett Coal company; County Treasurer Loughborough, \$726.19 for county tax, and \$221.08 for pay roll.

O'Brien's Clean Up Sale continues until Monday, February 1.

Danced at Woman's Union. Last evening at the Women's Union the annual mid-year party was given by the members of the various classes.

The early part of the evening was spent with a graphophone concert given by Mr. Aiken and it was thoroughly enjoyed. After this refreshments were served and a general good time followed.

Youth Was Freed. Sanny Mossico, the Italian youth arrested in connection with the alleged hold-up of Robert B. Burncutt, the traveling salesman who later confessed that he had done the shooting and created the excitement himself, was discharged from custody yesterday afternoon as the complainant failed to connect him with any unlawful act.

All furs, coats and suits at half price while they last. Hennessy & Doyle, 62 North St.

Stearing Republican Caucus On. The Republican caucus for the nomination of town officers is being held at Starling today.

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Hours of Auburn friends will read with regret of the death of Rev. John G. Van Ness, pastor of the Church of the Holy Rosary, Rochester, which occurred at the rectory of that church, 411 Lexington avenue, at 12:15 this morning after an illness of several months' duration.

Father VanNess was an Auburn boy, whose entire life had been spent in this vicinity. He was very successful in his life's work and was one of the best beloved priests in the Rochester diocese.

Father VanNess is survived by three sisters, Mrs. George Roach and Mrs. Bennett Offenborg of this city and Miss Louisa VanNess, who was his housekeeper and constant attendant at Rochester.

Arrangements for the funeral are not known at this writing.

CAUGHT IN MICHIGAN.

Auburn Polack Said to Have Robbed His Roommate of \$400.

After being at liberty for five months as a fugitive from justice Joseph Witkowski, a former Auburn Polack, was taken in custody at Detroit yesterday afternoon on a charge of grand larceny, first degree.

Last summer he was employed at the International Harvester Company with a countryman, Kostantyn Ryskiwicz, and on July 27 the latter went to a local bank and drew out his savings in the sum of \$400.

Chief Bell after examining carefully into the fugitive's antecedents learned that he had been employed in New York, Detroit and Chicago at various times and he sent a good description of his man to the police in these cities.

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In Memory of Burns. The members of Westminster Presbyterian church who acknowledge Scotland as their birthplace or whose ancestors were born there gathered at the home of John Walker in Fitch avenue on Monday evening to celebrate the birth of Robert Burns.

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For St. Edward's Mission. Another of the series of successful eucbre parties for the benefit of St. Edward's mission will be held in Lyceum hall this evening.

Additional Personal Mention. Foster H. Winnie left for Rochester this afternoon to spend a few days with relatives.

George A. Sine will leave tomorrow for Los Angeles where he will spend the remainder of the winter.

MRS. GEORGE F. WILLS.

Death After Prolonged Illness of a Highly Esteemed Woman.

Jessie A. Bowen, wife of George F. Wills, died last night at the family home, No. 6 Elizabeth street, after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Wills was a woman of beautiful Christian character and was loved by all with whom she came in contact. Up to two years ago she was an active worker in the Second Presbyterian church and was actively identified with the work of the Cayuga Asylum for Deafmute Children and other charitable institutions of the city.

The funeral will be held at the family home on Friday at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in Fort Hill.

Funeral of Dempster Graves.

The funeral of the late Dempster Graves was held at the family home in the town of Senett yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Vernon N. Yergin, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian church.

Funeral of William J. Thayer. The funeral of the late William J. Thayer was held at the family home, No. 82 Seymour street, this afternoon.

Funeral of John Roach. The funeral of John Roach was held from his late home No. 5 Lewis street, at 9 o'clock this morning, with services at the Holy Family church at 9:30 and was very largely attended.

Another Insurance Annual. The annual report of the Tompkins County Co-operative Fire Insurance Company was filed in the county clerk's office this morning.

An Echo in City Court. An echo of the Greek church was heard today in City court where the action of Stephen Kastik against Thomas Garbinsky is being tried before City Judge Drummond.

Thursday our Sales, 10 to 11 a. m., 3 to 4 p. m.

Bleached toweling, 2 1/2c. Lawn dressing acquies, 15c. Yarn wide sheeting, 4c. Dress gingham, 5c. Shaker flannel, 3 1/2c. Challies, best quality, 4c. O'Brien's Clean Up Sale.

Auburn Is Invited. The city of Auburn has been invited to participate in the Imperial International exposition to be held at London this summer.

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BULLET IN LUNG

Woodsport Boy Possibly Fatally Shot by Companion.

IT WAS ALL AN ACCIDENT

Victim a High School Student of 14 and the Shooter a Little His Senior.

Woodsport, Jan. 27.—Lester Leyburn, the 14 year old son of John Leyburn, was shot through the right lung about 7 o'clock last night by Louis Buss, a boy slightly older than himself. The shooting occurred at the residence of William T. Smith of South street.

It appears that the boys were in the room of Mr. Smith's youngest son, and that young Leyburn made a premeditated attack on Buss, who said: "It's stop you this way" with that he pulled a revolver which exploded with dire results.

The victim is a very bright youngster, ranking well in his classes at the High school, and great sympathy is felt for him.

Doctors Goodwin and Snow were hastily summoned and after a careful examination decided that the unfortunate lad had a slight chance to recover.

AT FITHACA OFFICE.

John W. Bishop of Auburn to Be Agent of the American Express.

Supplies went through here today bound for Ithaca where the American Express Company will open up an office in connection with the New York, Auburn & Lansing. This is the first chance that the American Express had to break into Ithaca and the other companies that have had offices in that city have had very little competition.

Second Baptist Men's Club. The Men's club of the Second Baptist church held a meeting last evening in the church parlors and heard reports of the last meeting of the General Council of the Church Federation.

And Rochester Forger Surrendered To the Auburn Police. What is apparently a case of troubled conscience came to light last night when Charles Mee, a mechanic, formerly of Rochester walked into police headquarters and gave himself up stating that he was wanted in Rochester on a charge of forgery.

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But Lacerated Italian Won't Tell About His Assault.

THE ERIE APPLICATION.

Commission Waiting for Road to Supply Needed Evidence.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Chairman F. W. Stevens of the Public Service Commission, Second District, gave out the following statement today: "At the last public hearing on January 5, on the application of the Erie Railroad Company for authorization of bond issue of \$30,000,000, the commission called for certain evidence which was not supplied by the applicant until January 17.

On January 18 it called for further evidence which the company has since been endeavoring to arrange for, but has not yet been able to supply. It is expected that the evidence will be supplied very soon, but until it is given no further announcement need be expected."

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The Result of Genius. Buy Clean Flour. EACO Winged Horse Flour. Always All Right. Buy only clean flour. The Stores That Sell Good Things. E. N. Ross Co., Auburn Public Market, 148-150 Genesee St. 5-7-9 Genesee St.

BRIEF LOCAL MENTION. Famous French Actor Dead. Benoit Constant Coquelin Succumbs—Has Toured This Country. Paris, Jan. 27.—Benoit Constant Coquelin, the great French actor, whose culminating triumph has been awaited in Edmund Rostand's The Chanticleer, which is now being rehearsed, died last night at Pont Aux Dames, Seine et Marne. Benoit Constant Coquelin, known as Coquelin Ainc, was the best known actor on the French stage. He was born at Boulogne-Sur-Mer January 23, 1841, the son of a baker. It was originally intended that he follow the trade of his father, but he decided to go upon the stage and he was admitted to the conservatory in 1859. He secured the first prize in comedy in 1860. He made his debut at the Comedie Francaise in Le Deput Amoureux the same year and from 1860 to 1886 he created no less than 44 parts. He left the Comedie Francaise in 1886 and toured Europe and America. In the United States he had a great success which culminated in a remarkable and brilliant farewell performance in the Star theatre. In 1890 he returned to the Comedie Francaise as a pensionaire. He then made another tour of the United States after having definitely severed his connection with the Comedie Francaise. He created his famous part Cyrano De Bergerac in 1897. He was married to Sarah Bernhardt in 1900 and reappeared with her in L'Algon in Paris in 1901. In recent years he had been playing Cyrano De Bergerac and other parts in London. The seriousness of M. Coquelin's last illness dates from the early part of January. It was then declared that there was no hope for his recovery. His illness was diagnosed as angina pectoris. Rostand's Chanticleer was completed last summer and the world rights were purchased for \$50,000. Arrangements were concluded for the simultaneous productions of the play in Paris, New York and London and it was expected that M. Coquelin would personally direct the rehearsals. In this new play Rostand presents his characters in the guise of wild and domestic fowls, animals and birds. RARE FORM OF INSANITY. This Man's Body Becomes Rigid When He Is Spoken To. Kalamazoo, Mich., Jan. 27.—Claus Vandervall, who has just been admitted as a patient in the State insane asylum here, is suffering from a rare form of insanity. When spoken to, his body becomes rigid and relief seems to come only with the feeling that he is entirely unnoticed. Even when left alone and unobserved he changes his position but little. When arranged in court he stood an hour with one arm outstretched, never uttering a word or moving a finger. Food is administered to him at regular intervals by force. Marines Return from Cuba. New York, Jan. 27.—Bringing down Havana a detachment of 419 marines who have been at the Cuban station, the United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie arrived here today. The detachment was divided here, a portion being left at Brooklyn navy yard while the remainder will be sent to the Charleston navy yard at Boston. The detachment was the last of the American army of pacification in Cuba. But No Confirmation Can Be Had of Story Published in Paris. London, Jan. 27.—No confirmation can be had of the report published in a Paris newspaper and cabled to the United States, that King Menelik of Abyssinia is dead. The latest news received here from Addis Ababa is to the effect that the King was much better and that he had gone up the country on a trip. The authenticity of the Paris dispatch is regarded here with skepticism and the report therein set forth that the condition of the King was desperate and that the Queen had assumed control of the government is thought to rest on a possibility of the King being back several months. MENELIK REPORTED DEAD. Forger Gets Three Years. Montreal, Jan. 27.—James Sudegen, convicted of passing numerous forged checks on local banks, was today sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. Sudegen is alleged to have operated extensively in Boston, New York and other American cities. Central Station Burned. Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 27.—The New York Central station at Rivergate, on the Clayton branch, was destroyed by fire last night. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp in the waiting room and spread so rapidly that nothing could be saved. The loss was small.