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ENCOURAGED OVER MERGER OF THREE MILK GROUPS

Dillon Pleased With Progress Being Made—Incorporation Matters Taken Up and Election Will be Held February 4.

Encouraged over the accomplishment of a merger of three separate groups and enthusiastic for the possibilities of the newly created United Dairy Co-operative Association in stabilizing the industry, John J. Dillon, editor of the Rural New Yorker, returned to the metropolis Friday night after presiding over a two-day session in Utica preparatory to filing incorporation papers, which was done on Saturday in Albany. Those three groups in the combine are the Non-Poolers' Co-operative Association, Eastern States' Association and Independent Milk Producers.

Election of officers of the new organization will take place Friday, February 4, at a meeting of the directors in Utica. By that time it is proposed to have the thirty directors, comprising one from each of twenty-four different districts and six chosen at large, assembled. The directors on that occasion will approve the tentative by-laws, which were discussed at the previous meetings held in Utica.

Immediately after the election of officers the new body will begin to function, Mr. Dillon stated.

"The basis of this organization will be one local unit at every shipping station," he said. "That unit will have sovereign power in itself and will control its own local affairs. All of the local units will be federated in the United Dairy Co-operative Association, whose function will be the sale of milk."

At this point Mr. Dillon explained that the by-laws, coming under the co-operative corporations law, would permit the association to manufacture butter and cheese if it so desired. He was asked what would be done with the surplus milk in the spring, in the event there is a surplus, and replied it could go toward the making of butter and cheese. Such products could be manufactured, he said, in plants already existing and owned by independent companies not affiliated with any group.

Each district will probably be composed of two or more counties, Mr. Dillon said, and each local unit—one for each shipping station—will have its own officers.

"The local units may incorporate and own or operate a plant or they may be unincorporated and just sell milk to the dealers."

"How is the price of milk fixed in New York now?" Mr. Dillon was asked.

"Borden's Fix Price."

"By the Bordens," Mr. Dillon replied. "The Borden Company takes substantially all of the pool milk (Dairymen's League Co-operative Association). Sheffield Company takes all of the Sheffield producers' milk. The price fixed by Borden's is announced by the league and Sheffield's fix about the same price."

Mr. Dillon explained that because of its overhead, the Dairymen's League Co-upsrative Association price paid to the farmers was not as high as that paid to the Sheffield producers. He declared one cent a quart would pay all the overhead required by the local units and the central body of the new organization which he has just sponsored.

Formation of the new association will bring about three bargaining groups in the New York field, but the new group plans to center its activity in supplying the can trade in New York, including stores, restaurants, hotels and institutions. The other two groups, he said, practically have a monopoly on the bottled milk trade.

"No concerted drive for members would be made until after the next meeting," Mr. Dillon said.

It is estimated in the New York milkshed, including adjacent states, there are 120,000 active commercial dairymen. The pool or league has 24,000 official members, Mr. Dillon said, and Sheffield Farms about 10,000. The others represent independents, non-poolers and Eastern States Producers, with the large majority unorganized.

"Open to All Dairymen."

"The door is open to any dairymen to come in," explained Mr. Dillon. "The policy of the organization is not to make any attempt to solicit Sheffield producers or League producers."

Among those attending the meeting in Utica Friday were: W. S. Rhodes, Little Falls; C. W. Newton, Buffalo; H. R. Foster, Catatonk; Daniel Washburn, Pawling; H. L. Binaghard, Martville; R. C. Baldwin, De Ruyter; A. P. Williams, Mannsville; H. F. Whitemore, Avon; Frank Chardavoyne, Warwick; Truman Cole, Herkimer; P. A. Bauder, Fort Plain; B. G. Van Alstyne, Canajoharie; Frank Brill, Canastota; U. G. Stringer, Madison.

In the meantime the other committee of which Peter G. Ten Eyck is chairman, and which includes the League representatives, organized to pave the way for a united dairymen's organization, is holding a series of hearings in Albany. It is probable another conference similar to the one held in Utica last May will be held early in February.

PLEASANT BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

Mrs. Florence Roberts Celebrates Event Surrounded by Kindred and Friends.

Leyden, Jan. 19, 1927.

Mr. Editor:—A pleasant birthday surprise party was given Mrs. Florence Roberts by her children, Miss Bessie Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roberts on January 13th. The friends began to arrive soon after 11 o'clock. Mrs. Roberts entertained the guests until they were called to dinner, which was served in four courses. After enjoying the delicious refreshments served, the afternoon was spent in visiting and recalling the scenes of their early school days and comparing them with the present day methods. Many amusing events in the lives of those present were recalled.

The combined ages of those present were seven hundred and seventy-seven years. The eldest, Miss Lucy Prindle, is 85, and the youngest had had a number of birthdays since she was sixteen.

All were surprised to note how quickly the afternoon passed, which verified the proverb, "Time flies." After singing "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross," the party broke up, wishing Mrs. Roberts many more pleasant birthdays.

D. W. Miller.

Already Booked.

Tramp—Please, sir, will you give me a shilling to get something to eat?

Gentleman—You've got a sixpence in your hand now. What's that for?

Tramp—That's to tip the waiter with.

UPSTATE DRIVERS PERMITS ORDERED TAKEN UP

Revocations in Northern New York Total 38 While 99 Licenses Are Suspended for Violations of Motor Vehicle Laws.

Albany, Jan. 19.—The driving license of Clarence R. Gilbo, Watertown, has been suspended and the licenses of a number of other northern New York residents were either revoked or suspended by Charles A. Harnett, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. During the two weeks ending January 7th, 38 revocations and 195 suspensions were made in New York city and vicinity and 38 revocations and 99 suspensions were made in other sections of the state.

Gilbo's license was suspended because he was charged with reckless driving, according to Commissioner Harnett's report.

The following licenses were revoked for driving car while intoxicated: Harry Henry, Brasher Falls; Clarence Young, Moira; Herbert Roach, North Lawrence.

Following are other north country residents whose licenses were suspended: George Chartrand, Fort Covington, charged with operating a pleasure car as an omnibus.

Peter A. Stone, Canton, and George Brahaw, Pyrites, charged with violation of federal laws.

Wesley Irish, Gouverneur; John Murphy, Norfolk; R. E. McGowan, Norwood; James McLaughlin, Ogdensburg; Hazel G. Lawrence, Canton; John Lenney, Potsdam; Saul Rosenbaum, Massena; Harvey C. Roberts, Pierrepont; Frank L. Preston, Hammond; Edward E. Wing, Ogdensburg; Owen Patterson, Ogdensburg; Charles G. Chase, Madrid; Mrs. William Fayette, Winthrop; Samuel J. Henry, Morristown, and James Sharpstein, Pyrites; all licenses irregularly issued.

TEST CASE ON ERADICATION OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

Constitutionality of Law Under Which State is Spending $5,000,000 to be Decided.

Utica, Jan. 13.—Constitutionality of the law under which New York state is spending between $4,000,000 and $5,000,000 for the eradication of tuberculosis in bovine animals, hangs upon the decision of Justice William F. Dowling, who took the injunction suit of the state against Chris Teuscher, Rome, from the hands of a jury. The court's action followed completion of evidence holding that questions were involved which cannot be decided by jury.

Briefs were ordered submitted and decision will be rendered next month. Interest is unusually keen in the outcome, as it is the first case of its kind in the state.

The state is endeavoring to obtain a permanent injunction restraining Teuscher from disposing of his milk from his herd unless he agrees to have his cattle tested for tuberculosis. Teuscher refuses to agree to the test, claiming that it is injurious to healthy cattle.

George L. Flanders, acting as special counsel for the State Department of Farms and Markets, explained that Dr. Ernest T. Faulder, in testifying, stated that the healthy parts of 90 per cent of the carcasses condemned in this state last year were sold for human consumption.

HUNT RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Other Officers of Watertown Savings Bank Are All Re-Elected—Prosperous in All Departments.

Isaac L. Hunt was re-elected president of the Watertown Savings Bank at the regular meeting of the board of trustees of that institution, held Tuesday.

Karl George was elected secretary of publicity. The following officers were re-elected: Jacob F. Amos, vice-president; John R. Pawling, secretary-treasurer, and Edward L. Mitchell, assistant treasurer.

Harvey R. Waite was elected to membership on the board of trustees in place of Silas George, deceased. The following are members of the board of trustees: Isaac L. Hunt, Adams; John R. Pawling, Watertown; Antonio F. Mills, Carthage; H. E. Harmon, Watertown; Adam Bickelhaupt, Redwood; Eli B. Johnson, Chaumont; William E. Sill, Rodman; Walt J. Stoddard, Lowville; Karl George, Harold W. Conde, Watertown; John R. Kilborn, Cape Vincent; George H. Burns, Watertown; R. Seymour Eastman, Belleville; Jacob F. Amos, Clarence E. Kline, Harold B. Johnson, Watertown; William S. Brooks, Clayton, and John H. O'Brien, Watertown.

The usual bank statement was made, which showed that the bank was prosperous in all its departments and that the past year has witnessed a growth in surplus, deposits and resources.

CHEVROLET TURNS OUT ITS 3,000,000 CAR

Marking the latest spectacular achievement in its history as the world's largest builder of three-speed transmission cars, the Chevrolet Motor Company today announces the production of its 3,000,000 car. The epoch-marking model, which happened to be a coach, was driven off the production line at the Flint plant today by W. S. Knudsen, president of the Chevrolet Motor Company. The first passenger was C. F. Barth, vice-president of the company.

Finished in St. James Gray Duco and fashionably striped in pistache green, the milestone car flashed off the production line with scarcely more formality that attended the debut of number 3,000,001, which followed nine seconds later.

Immediately after the final inspection, Mr. Knudsen stepped on the starter and the princely 3,000,000th car purred away to give room to the long line of sedans, coaches, roadsters, etc., that were moving up with clock-like precision to the final inspection post.

The 2,000,000th model was built after 14 years of production and the 3,000,000 only 14 months later an indication of the rapid growth of the company, which now has production facilities prepared to build 1,000,000 units a year. Commenting on the achievement, Mr. Knudsen declared that the Chevrolet Motor Company was grateful for the ever increasing public confidence in the company and its product, which made the feat possible. "We are entering on what promises to be again our greatest year," he said, "and with a greatly improved product. I am sure that the motoring public will demand the 4,000,000 Chevrolet before 1928 is may weeks old.

TWO BIG MILK MEETINGS LATTER PART OF JANUARY

State Dairymen's Association to Celebrate 50th Anniversary—Producers Committee to Hold Second Hearing.

Albany, Jan. 19.—Two meetings of milk producers of wide interest to northern New York dairymen will be held in Albany the latter part of this month. The producers' committee on unified organization will hold the second of a series of hearings for the purpose of securing data concerning the production and distribution of milk in the New York milk shed, January 24 and 25.

The State Dairymen's Association will celebrate its 50th anniversary January 23 at the Ten Eyck hotel. Governor Smith and Dr. Livingston Farrand, president of Cornell University, will address the dairymen's association at a dinner on the night of January 19. Members of the State Agriculture Society and the State Breeders' Association will also attend the meeting.

Other speakers will be Dean A. R. Mann of the College of Agriculture at Ithaca, Prof. H. H. Wing, of Cornell University; W. B. White, of the Department of Farms and Markets and Dr. R. R. Graves of the United States Department of Agriculture.

A number of experts on milk production will testify before the committee on unified organization, which is composed of ten producers of the New York milk shed, three of them being from northern New York. The northern New York members are E. B. Johnson, of Chaumont; Earl Laidlaw, of Gouverneur, and George W. Sissons, Jr., of Potsdam. Peter G. Ten Eyck, of Albany, is chairman of the committee.

$2,000 PAID TO SETTLE ACTION

William J. Zimmerman Brought Action Against Colonial Coach Corporation.

Settlement has been made in the sum of $2,000 in the action of William J. Zimmerman against the Colonial Coach Corporation, which was booked for trial in Supreme Court. Mr. Zimmerman, who is an income tax specialist, of Watertown, had brought suit for $5,000 for personal injuries and the wreck of his automobile in a collision with a Colonial bus.

The accident occurred January 28, 1926, on the Carthage road near what is known as Skinny bridge. A severe snowstorm was in progress and Mr. Zimmerman, who was returning to the city from Carthage, did not see the bus until he was close to it. His car was struck and he was badly injured, being in the hospital for several weeks. Attorney John Reynolds, of Purcell, Cullen & Pitcher, represented the plaintiff, and Delos M. Cosgrove represented the defendant.

INVESTORS IN MINE DEAL

Attorney General and Rochester Officials Investigate Scheme of Whaler Who Sold Stock in Carthage.

Carthage, Jan. 18.—Local people interested in the investigation that is being made in Rochester in regard to Byrhl Wheeler, secretary and treasurer of the Canadian-American Copper Refining Company, who sold stock in Carthage and vicinity have been in communication with Rochester officials and learned that the case is being investigated by the attorney general and city officials.

As far as can be learned Wheeler has only a small amount of money on deposit, although he alleges that about $90,000 worth of stock was sold.

Rochester officials said that they thought very little of the scheme and as far as could be learned no mining operations had been started. Local investors were advised to present their claims, and if it were possible to get any returns an effort would be made to do so, by the authorities.

CLARENCE L. FISHER TO SERVE.

Will Act as Senior Master of Ceremonies at Masonic Meeting in Albany.

Albany, Jan. 19.—Clarence L. Fisher, of Lyons Falls, assemblyman from Lewis county, will act as senior master of ceremonies at a meeting of Wadsworth Masonic Lodge of Albany, February 2, when members of the legislature who are Masons will confer the master degree.

Mr. Fisher is a member of Port Leyden Masonic Lodge. He is a past district deputy of Jefferson-Lewis district and has been prominent in Masonic activities in Lewis and Jefferson counties for a number of years.

Mr. Fisher and the other members of the legislature will be introduced to the master of the Albany lodge, William A. Treadwell, who will welcome them. Many prominent members of the legislature will attend the affair, among them being Russell G. Dunmore, of New Hartford, majority leader of the assembly.

SERIES OF MEETINGS.

At Deer River, West Leyden, New Bremen and Constableville.

A series of meetings will be held during the week of January 24th through the co-operation of the Farm and Home Bureaus. Prof. W. T. Crandall, of the animal husbandry department of the State College of Agriculture, and Miss Helen Bull, home demonstration agent, will speak at these meetings. The schedule of meetings follows:

Stone hall, Deer River, Tuesday, January 25th.

Grange hall, West Leyden, Wednesday, January 26th.

Grange hall, New Bremen, Thursday, January 27th.

Fireman's hall, Constableville, Friday, January 28th.

The meetings will begin at 11 o'clock. Everyone is invited to come and bring something for the dinner at noon.

On Monday a Farm Bureau meeting will be held at the farm of John Elnbeck at Naumburg, at which Prof. Crandall will give a demonstration and lecture on "Selecting the Dairy Cow for Type and Production."

Former Croghan Girl to Wed.

New York, Jan. 17.—Charles E. Harvey, 26, of 223 North Glima street, Baltimore, Md., and Miss Elizabeth B. Beck, 23, of 139 East 66th street, this city, obtained a license to wed here today. Wedding plans were not announced. Mr. Harvey was born in Baltimore and is the son of William and Nellie Slattery Harvey. Miss Beck was born in Croghan, Lewis county, and is the daughter of Frank L. and Catherine Lallier Beck.

325 MILES NEW CONCRETE ROADS WILL BE BUILT

Also to Resurface 275 Miles—State to Spend $40,000,000 This Year—Tremaines Corners to Barnes Corners Only Authorized Road in Lewis County.

Albany, Jan. 19.—New York, state's expenditures for highway construction and maintenance will exceed $40,000,000 during 1927, the largest amount ever spent by the state for this purpose, it was learned from estimates prepared by State Highway Commissioner A. W. Brandt.

With this money about 325 miles of new concrete roads will be built and about 275 miles of old macadam roads will be resurfaced or repaired.

The programme of construction in central and northern New York counties calls for the building of about 40 miles of new roads, the reconstruction of 45 miles of old roads, which will be converted from macadam into wide concrete boulevards, and the total expenditure of between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000.

The figures form a striking contrast to those of ten years ago, when the total expenditure for highway construction and maintenance was only $14,139,000.

Construction costs at that time were much lower, however, and during that year the state built 667 miles of new highway and resurfaced or repaired 202 miles. A part of this difference in cost is due to the changed policy in road building which came about when Col. Frederick Stuart Greene became State Highway Commissioner in 1918 and started building concrete roads on all main routes. While concrete roads are much more expensive than the old macadam construction, they are declared by engineers to be much cheaper in the long run on account of their greater durability.

The major part of 1927 expenditures for highway construction will be spent on main highway routes leading into New York city and important connecting links up-state. One of the principal problems of traffic congestion in New York state during the last two years has arisen in the neighborhood of large cities, where thousands of motorists all want to drive to the same place on the same week-end.

Consequently old highways, built 10 and 15 years ago, although adequate then, are now totally antiquated. Commissioner Brandt has drawn up plans for the rebuilding of nearly all these routes into 28, 32, 26 and 40-foot roads.

According to the commissioner, the most urgent highway needs of the state are for new construction in sparsely populated sections. County and town highway work can take care of that. But main routes and lines in close proximity to cities are so overcrowded that the work of the nearly days of state highway construction must all be done over again.

The new highways which have been authorized and will be constructed in 1927 in northern New York, according to Commissioner Brandt, are as follows:

Oswego—Amboy Center to Williamstown.

Jefferson and Lewis—Tremaines Corners to Barnes Corners.

Those which will be reconstructed in 16, 18 or 20 feet concrete include:

Oswego—The West Oswego River road; Pulaski to Orwell, and Minetto to Fulton.

Jefferson—The Sacket Harbor road; Watertown to Sacket Harbor to Henderson, part 2; Cape Vincent to Watertown, parts 2 and 3.

CLARKSON WILL STANDS

Time Limit Has Been Passed and No Objections Filed by Interested Parties.

Potsdam, Jan. 19.—There will be no contest in the estate of Miss Lavinia Clarkson, last survivor of the founders of Clarkson College, whose will was offered for probate here recently. The time allowed by Surrogate C. G. Chaney has expired and no objections have been filed within the legal limit.

It was stated by counsel for Mrs. Moore that none will be filed. The will disposed of an estate of upwards of $1,000,000. When the will came up for probate here January 3, Mrs. W. A. Moore, of this place served notice of intention to contest it. The will contained large charitable bequests, $100,000 to Clarkson College and $60,000 for mission work of the Episcopal church in St. Lawrence county.

Chief among them, Mrs. Moore, a niece of the testatrix, received a $100,000 trust fund. Another niece, Miss Annie Clarkson, of New York, received a like trust fund, real estate here and in New York and was residuary legatee of the estate. Eventually Clarkson College receives $200,000 additional under terms of the will of $300,000 in all.

BUY NEW PLOWS.

A Rotary Now Stationed in the Ogdensburg Yards.

The New York Central Railroad intends to play its part in keeping traffic on the move during the winter months. Several new snow plows of most modern type were purchased by the company some time ago and one of these has been forwarded to Ogdensburg to be stationed there during the winter.

The plow is of rotary type and probably the largest that has been in use on that section of the St. Lawrence division. Old railroaders assert that it is the best plow of its kind they have ever seen. It has all the up to date contrivances for cutting ice from the right of way and removing snow. George Denno is pilot of the big machine. He has been piloting plows on that part of the division for many years.

The plow will be operated out of Ogdensburg whenever a storm occurs. In past years many bad storms have been recorded in that section.

FACES LIFE TERM.

Franklin County Man Up Against Fifth Conviction.

Investigation into the prison record of Leonard La Grave, a young man now in the Franklin county jail awaiting action of the grand jury on a charge of forging a fifteen dollar check, shows that if he is finally indicted and convicted on this charge of forgery he will then be subject to life imprisonment under the Baumes law, now effective as to habitual criminals.

District Attorney Main stated that investigation of La Grave's criminal record shows that he has already served four terms in Clinton state prison at Dannemora on conviction of felonies. These convictions have been had in Franklin, St. Lawrence and Clinton counties.

BEQUEATHES $100,000 FOR LONG, FAITHFUL SERVICES

Miss Nellie Mahaney Heir Under Will of the Late Attorney John A. Whalen, of New York.

Miss Nellie Mahaney, of New York city, sister of Mrs. Frank McKeon, of Watertown, inherited $100,000 in the will of the late John A. Whalen, lawyer, banker and former corporation counsel of New York city, who died at his home on December 31.

Other beneficiaries in the will were Cardinal Patrick Hayes, who will receive $1,500,000 and nineteen cousins who will share equally in the residue of an estate which has been appropriated at $3,000,000.

Miss Mahaney is very well known in Watertown, where she has visited on numerous occasions. She is a native of Oswego, where she spent her early life. Leaving her home in Oswego, when a young girl, she went to New York city to secure employment. A few years later she became employed by Mr. Whalen and remained in his employ until his death. Her reward came for "long and faithful services."

Prior to his death Mr. Whalen paid Miss Mahaney a splendid tribute by appointing her executrix of his estate. This will entail a great amount of work and will mean that she will be two or three years in clearing up the estate. John Whalen was one of the best known lawyers in New York city.

MRS. EMMA C. WIGGINS

Born in Constableville, Daughter of the Late Nathan and Esther Franklin Dexter.

The death of Mrs. Emma C. Wiggins occurred at Boonville Saturday at 7:30 p. m., following an illness of about two weeks.

Emma Dexter was born in Constableville and was the daughter of the late Nathan and Esther Franklin Dexter. She was the last of 12 children, all of whom lived to advanced years. She was married to Edwin Wiggins, who died several years ago.

For many years Mrs. Wiggins held a position as head of the cloak and suit department of J. B. Wells' Son & Company, Utica. Later she conducted a business for herself in Utica. Following that, she resided in Rochester for several years.

About three years ago she returned to Boonville, making her home with her niece, Mrs. E. N. Hayes. After the death, last summer, of both Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, she gradually lost strength and about two weeks ago was taken seriously ill. Every possible care and attention was given her but she failed steadily until the end came. Mrs. Wiggins possessed a sweet and lovable disposition, which made her many friends, who will regret to learn of her death.

Surviving are four nieces: Mrs. Henry McClusky, Mrs. A. J. Schweinsberg, Boonville; Mrs. Esther Parkhurst, Santa Fe, N. M.; Mrs. F. W. Morse, Canton, O.; one nephew, Gilbert Brinckerhoff, Edgewater, Fla.

Funeral services were held from the home of her niece, Mrs. A. J. Schweinsburg, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Andrew Christensen officiating.

4,517 MEALS SERVED AT COST

Yearly Business of $70,000 Done at Y. W. C. A. Cafeteria—400 Women at Dinner.

At the annual dinner of the Watertown Y. W. C. A. in Asbury church basement it was reported 152,361 meals were served last year at the Y. W. cafeteria. Of this number 4,517 were served at cost, representing the special price given clubs of the Y. W. C. A.

The cafeteria is one of the most popular eating places of the city. It was shown by the report that 578 people patronize the cafeteria daily and that the average amount of the check was 40 cents. The cafeteria does a business yearly of more than $70,000.

Miss Katherine Lansing was elected president for the fourth term. Mrs. George C. Sherman was chosen first vice-president and Miss Lois Anthony and Miss Nellie Wilmot, second and third vice-presidents, respectively. Mrs. C. W. Valentine was elected treasurer.

James McCormick gave the report of the trustees and department reports were read. The dinner was attended by about 400 women.

SPECIAL CAR FOR GRANGERS

Reduced Rates of Fare and One-Third for Delegates to State Meet at Jamestown.

Arrangements have been made through Chairman Edson J. Walrath of the State Grange executive committee where by the delegates from Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties to the State Grange session at Jamestown, February 1-4, will be provided with a special car by the New York Central for the trip. Any other Grangers who plan to make the trip will also be included in the privileges of the special car.

The schedule as announced follows, the special Grange car being attached to the train, Northern New Yorker: Leave Massena, Monday, January 31, at 7:50 a. m., arrive at Watertown, 10:20 a. m.; leave Syracuse, 12:40 p. m.; leave Syracuse, 1:15 p. m., arrive Buffalo, 4:30 p. m.; leave Buffalo, 4:40 p. m., arrive Westfield, 5:58 p. m.; leave Westfield by electric car, 6:06 p. m., arrive at Jamestown, 7:28 p. m.

Reduced rates of a fare and a third are provided for those making the trip. Those who have not been provided with reduced rate certificates may obtain them from Mr. Walrath by addressing him at Evans Mills.

Christian Mueller.

Christian Mueller, who came to this country from Switzerland in 1883 and located at Constableville, died December 30th at his home in Ellenbach, Switzerland. After leaving Constableville he located in Utica, where he resided for many years. He left Utica last April to take up his residence at his birthplace.

Mr. Mueller never married. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Lichty, of Boonville; three brothers, John and Jacob, of Boonville, and Daniel, of Rome; a nephew, Alfred Burke, and three nieces, Mrs. John Knutty, Mrs. Joseph Heigl and Mrs. Herman Grams, all of Utica.

Immune.

He—Do you believe kissing is unhealthy?

She—I couldn't say—I've never—

He—You've never been kissed?

She—I've never been sick.

MASTER MIND OF AUTO THIEVES GIVEN FREEDOM

Governor Smith Commutes Sentence of Frank Eccles, Sentenced in 1922 to Serve From Five to Ten Years.

Frank Eccles, convicted master mind of a professional gang of automobile thieves operating in this section for years, is a free man.

Governor Smith Friday commuted the sentence of the Utican serving a term in state prison. Eccles was sentenced by Judge Hazard in county court at Utica, November 14, 1922, to serve from five to ten years for first degree grand larceny, and from two years, six months to five years for second degree grand larceny. He has served four years, two months and three deays.

Others receiving commutations Friday were Amelia De Tomasso, the mother of several small children, who was convicted of second degree arson in Albany county in March, 1926, and sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of from one year, six months, to ten years; and Louis J. Dipace, of Rockland county, serving from 15 to 35 years for burglary and larceny, the charges growing out of a single crime.

Harry Steinmetz, who was jointly indicted with Eccles for participation in the same wholesale theft of automobiles, was sentenced to state prison for not less than two years and six months, nor more than five.

The apprehension of the men by Arthur Pickard, then sheriff, created state-wide interest at the time. There were sensational developments, among them the claim of Eccles that he had been operating as a professional auto thief in Utica with full police protection.

REV. FRANKLIN W. WEST

Former Pastor of Methodist Protestant Church at North Martinsburg Dies at Camden.

Rev. Franklin W. West, formerly of Vernon Center, died Sunday at 6:30 p. m., at the home of his son, Earl F. West in Camden, after a long illness. He had resided in Camden for two years, having come there from Vernon Center, which pastorate he resigned last April.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Camden Presbyterian church, with Rev. Arthur J. Dean and Rev. C. M. Dodge, of Utica, and Rev. C. F. Kittredge, of Whitesboro, and Rev. F. E. Miller, of Camden, officiating.

Rev. Franklin William West was born at Butler, Wayne county, October 22, 1852, a son of William and Mariah Tallman West. His academic education was secured at Red Creek Union Seminary. For several years after leaving the seminary he taught in the public schools of Cayuga, Wayne, Lewis and Cortland counties and was very successful as an instructor.

Mr. West having felt a call to preach, prepared for the ministry and was ordained in September, 1877, in the Onondaga conference of the Methodist church. He served charges in Oswego, Lewis, Cortland and Herkimer counties, being located at North Martinsburg for some time, his last charge in that denomination being in the city of Syracuse. He was received into the Presbytery of Syracuse in 1890, supplying various parishes in that Presbytery. Later he was transferred to the Presbytery of Utica and installed as pastor of the church at Verona. He remained there about six years, when poor health compelled him to retire from active work and recuperate. At the end of a year's rest, he re-entered the ministery, serving churches at Preble, Hannibal and Williamstown, going to Vernon Center in October, 1911.

Mr. West's political preferences were Republican and Prohibitionist. He was a strong temperance man, believing thoroughly in that principle. He was a member of the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Patrons of Husbandry, frequently serving as chaplain in these orders. He married Lydia Leona Rogers, of Hastings, Oswego county, March 28, 1878, who survives. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last March. The children are Prof. William L. West, superintendent of schools at Green Island, and Earl F. West, Camden. Surviving sisters are Miss Lillian West, teacher in the high school at Savannah, N. Y., Mrs. William Holdridge, of Savannah, N. Y., and Mrs. B. A. Freeman, of Truxton.

MILK AND CREAM EXPORTS.

Increase in Milk and Cream and Decrease in Canadian Butter.

An increase in the export of Canadian cream and milk and a corresponding decrease in the export of Canadian butter during the last twelve months is shown by trade reports. The reports showed that the seamen's strike in 1925 resulted in a tie up of shipment of butter to England, and that following its termination the market was immediately overloaded by the large amount that was dumped during the spring and fall of 1926. To offset this, however, there was an increased demand on part of consumers in the United States for Canada's milk and cream and this it was stated is likely to be maintained.

GETS BIG VERDICT.

Widow Ordered to Pay Ex-Actress $40,000 for Taking Her Husband.

White Plains, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Rose E. Still, former actress, of Crotonville, N. Y., won a verdict for $40,000 from a Supreme Court jury here in her $50,000 alienation of affection suit against Mrs. Marguerite Decant Jones, of Carthage, N. Y., well-to-do widow and owner of a lumber company and timber lands at Carthage.

Mrs. Still testified that Mrs. Jones stole the love of her husband, Roy H. Still, commercial artist. The case was undefended. The jury deliberated ten minutes.

MRS. ELIZABETH PATTERSON.

Died This Morning at Home of Daughter at Beaver Falls.

Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson died at 3 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred La Gross, Beaver Falls. She was a daughter of Isaac and Catherine Holsizer and was born in Liverpool, Oswego county, January 1, 1838. Surviving is one son, James Patterson, of Oneida, and two daughters, Mrs. John Bach, of Castorland, and Mrs. Fred La Gross, of Beaver Falls. The funeral services will be held from the home of Mrs. La Gross, Saturday at 2 p. m., Rev. Mr. Rex officiating; interment at Beaver Falls.

SIX DEPARTMENT HEADS NAMED BY GOV. SMITH

Robert Moses of State Park Council Replaces Mrs. Knapp as Secretary of State.

Albany, Jan. 18.—Governor Smith sent to the Senate tonight for confirmation his nominations for the heads of six departments under the reorganized state government, a judge of the Court of Claims, a general sessions judge and several lower state and county officers.

Of chief interest was the nomination of Robert Moses, of New York, as secretary of state to succeed Mrs. Florence E. S. Knapp, whose term of office expired January 1, but who has been continuing in the duties of the office since that time at the request of the Governor.

Mr. Moses, who is chairman of the State Park Council, was actively identified with the reconstruction commission and was secretary of the New York State Association. He was educated at Yale University and at the universities of Oxford and Heidelberg.

The Governor renamed Col. Frederick Stuart Greene, of Sands Point, as superintendent of public works and M. Frank Loughman, of New York, as commissioner of taxation and finance. Under the reorganization plan the Department of Taxation and Finance will take over many of the duties of the state treasurer. Mr. Loughman was first appointed commissioner of taxation and finance last May.

George Graves, secretary to the Governor, is made head of the new Executive Department pending enactment of a bill recommended by the reorganization commission which will make the Governor head of the department. Mr. Graves will then become assistant to the Governor, but until then he will receive a salary of $12,000, $2,000 more than the Governor draws.

Alexander MacDonald was reappointed conservation commissioner and Dr. Frederick W. Parsons, chairman of the old State Hospital Commission since last July, was named commissioner of mental hygiene.

Mr. MacDonald has served in the lower house of the legislature and was assistant conservation commissioner under Commissioner George Pratt. He was named head of the commission in 1922. Dr. Parsons has been in the state's employ since 1902, except for two years he spent overseas during the war. For seven years he was superintendent of state hospital for the insane at Buffalo.

As judge of the Court of Claims, Governor Smith named Owen L. Potter who has been identified with the legal business of the executive department since 1890.

George L. Donnellan, New York attorney, was appointed judge of the Court of General Sessions. In 1894 Mr. Donnellan won the Pulitzer scholarship, enabling him to finish his elementary education at the Horace Mann School.

John J. Merrill, appointed tax commissioner in 1907 by Governor White man and reappointed by Governor Smith last year, was named head of the division of taxation, of the new Department of Taxation and Finance.

Other nominations by the Governor were those of Albert T. Fancher, former state senator of Cattaraugus county, as Alleghany State Commissioner, and Mrs. Bird Frye, of Wells, treasurer of Hamilton county, succeeding her husband, who recently died.

Governor Smith said he would announce in the near future his nominations for a judge of the Court of Appeals and a Supreme Court justice in the fourth department.

Four of the 12 persons nominated for office by Governor Smith are enrolled Republicans. They are C. B. Graves, assistant to the Governor who has been in the executive department since 1892; Alexander Donald, conservation commissioner; John J. Merrill, head of the division of taxation; Albert T. Fancher, member of the Alleghany State Commission, formerly a member of the state senate.

GOOD SEASON FOR TRAPPERS

Mink up in Price This Year—Style's Popularity—Two Furs Worth $100 Each Are Brought In.

Max Sverdlow, Potsdam fur dealer, has just made his initial shipment of the season, the value of the furs being about $25,000. Sverdlow sells the furs to the New York market. Trappers of that section, he states, are bringing in a good line of pelts this year. The $25,000 shipment, however, represents the take in a territory considerably larger than that contiguous to Potsdam and much of it was bought from smaller dealers.

Mink is the best bet of the season, according to Sverdlow. Popular styles just now, prices have jumped on it until a raw pelt now brings thirty dollars. A big percentage of his last shipment was mink, the number being about three hundred.

About four hundred fox pelts have been purchased, all the familiar red fox of that region. Raccoons are fairly in fair supply and worth thirteen dollars each. Two fisher, a rare Adirondack fur bearer, have been purchased by Sverdlow this season. The pelts were worth a hundred dollars each, and were the most expensive he has bought.

Muskrat are worth two dollars a year and, as usual, are plentiful, about four thousand being received. Skunks are not so plentiful, the number received dropping about forty per cent for some reason. A skunk pelt is worth about $3.75.

$100,000 for Widow.

New York, Jan. 19.—The will of Loton Horton, late president of the Sheffield Farms Company, was filed in the surrogate's court yesterday, leaving $100,000 to his wife and the residue to his four sons. Mr. Horton died at Nice, France, on December 15 last. He had been traveling in Europe with Mrs. Horton, his third wife.

The provisions for Mrs. Lucy Spieker Horton, the widow, in the will in the three codicils which accompanied it, are bound with condition which relieved the testator and his estate from all further provision for her. This was explained last night by an executor, William H. Steinkamp, of the law firm of Slater & Steinkamp, who said Mr. Horton had been temporarily separated from his wife, but they had later become reconciled.

Mr. Steinkamp confirmed reports published last week to the effect that the estate would not be much more than $1,000,000.

Portions of conversation overheard in postoffice: "We have finally reached the point in life where modest men ought to be stone blind."

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