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WHITE PLAINS.

Notice has been filed with the County Clerk that James M. Hunt, of Yonkers, has been appointed in the Supreme Court as referee to take the accounts of Clarence Lexow, receiver of the F. J. Kaldenberg Company, manufacturers of meerschaum, ivory and other goods, and report the proper distribution of the balance in the hands of the receiver.

Justice J. O. Dykman, in the Supreme Court, has handed down an order accompanied by an opinion on the recounting of the defective ballots cast at the last election for Register, directing the Board of County Canvassers to add to the number of votes canvassed by them for Edwin W. Fiske, the Democratic candidate, eleven votes, and deduct therefrom four votes. The canvassers are also directed to add to the vote of Thomas R. Hodge, the Republican candidate, five votes, and to deduct therefrom one vote. There were more than six hundred defective ballots, and the net gain to Mayor Fiske by the recount is three, with about two hundred ballots on which the rulings of the Court have been excepted to. The Board of Canvassers on the opinion of its counsel, Charles P. McClellan, that they had the power so to do yesterday passed a resolution directed to the inspectors of election of the First District of Mount Pleasant, the Third District of North Castle, the Second District of the Fourth Ward of Yonkers, the Second District of the Sixth Ward of Yonkers, the Second District of the Fourth Ward of Mount Vernon, the First District of Greenburg and the Second District of Mount Pleasant, to appear before them to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock to correct discrepancies between the number of votes for the candidates for Register, as returned by them and the figures on their respective tally sheets. This is another phase of the contest over the result of the election for Register.

By a vote of eleven to two the Westchester Bar Association yesterday morning decided that it was the sense of that body that mortgages should be exempted from taxation, and the matter was referred to a special committee to prepare a bill on the subject, to be presented to the Legislature at its coming session. The bill is to be presented to the association for its approval at the next meeting.

The White Plains charter election took place yesterday afternoon and resulted in the choosing of the following trustees: First Ward, David Verplanck; Second Ward, Stephen C. Smith; Third Ward, William S. Sterling; Fourth Ward, Charles P. Sherwood, and Fifth Ward, Charles Deulermann.

YONKERS.

A reception was given on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bohlmann, at No. 27 Hudson-st., for Lieutenant Arthur W. Nugent, of this city, who sails for Cuba to-day. After a season of dancing Alderman John H. Southwick presented to Lieutenant Nugent a handsome dressing-case, on behalf of George S. Mallinson, Frank R. Chadeayne, Thomas M. Frazier, Christian Gaul, Frank Crowther and Mr. Bohlmann.

The Hollywood Inn Club will give a reception this evening for the employes of the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company. Owing to the large number of persons employed by this corporation the club will entertain half the number of employes this evening and the remainder to-morrow evening.

An evening of conjuring and recitations will be given to-morrow at the Amackassen Club house. It has been decided to replace the fancy dress ball, planned for Tuesday evening, December 27, by a club dance.

A charity ball will be given on the evening of December 29 in aid of St. John's Riverside Hospital at the Park Hill Country Club house. Andrew Deyo is chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

MOUNT VERNON.

The members of the Westchester County Political Equality Club have elected Mrs. Milton Rathbun, president; Mrs. F. S. Craigie, vice-president; Mrs. M. B. Sloat, treasurer, and Mrs. A. G. Ham, secretary. A public meeting is to be held soon, when the club hopes to present Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, daughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, as a speaker.

At a meeting of the 11th Separate Company in its armory on Monday evening Mayor Fiske was elected first lieutenant, to succeed M. F. Carmody, now adjutant of the 11th Battalion. There were two candidates for the vacancy—Mayor Fiske and S. B. Smith, a well-known lawyer. The Mayor received thirty-nine votes and Mr. Smith five. Mayor Fiske is without any previous experience in the National Guard, but he has been chief of the Fire Department, and has had much experience in drilling men.

The soldier votes of this city were counted yesterday. There were seventeen votes, of which Roosevelt received eleven and Van Wyck six. For the office of Register eleven votes were cast for Fiske, four for Hodge and two were blank.

NEW-ROCHELLE.

George Dewitt and David Leary, of this village, had an exciting runaway on Monday, while driving on the Boston Post Road. The horse took fright and became unmanageable near Mamaroneck, and in trying to get it under control the men fell beneath the buggy and were dragged and kicked nearly to death. They were found in an unconscious condition and taken to a roadhouse nearby, and afterward brought to their homes in New-Rochelle. Dewitt's spine was wrenched, and he may not recover. Leary's face is permanently disfigured.

MAMARONECK.

Frank Burtis, son of the late David J. Burtis, died at the home of his brother, Nicholas Burtis, on Monday from pneumonia. Mr. Burtis was born in Mamaroneck, and was thirty-five years old. The funeral services will be held at his home this afternoon by the Rev. Charles F. Canedy, of New-Rochelle, and the members of Huguenot Lodge, F. and A. M., of New-Rochelle, will attend.

SING SING.

The annual meeting of the Point Senasqua Rod and Reel Club for the distribution of prizes for the best catches of fish in the year was held on Monday evening. B. Frank Kipp received the first prize, Edgar Storms second, E. C. Acker third, Gilbert H. Tompkins fourth, Seth R. Allen fifth and George W. Kipp the sixth prize. Following the meeting the members had an oyster supper at the expense of the winner of the first prize.

EAST VIEW.

The Board of Supervisors will make their annual visit of inspection to the County Almshouse to-day. In addition to the usual buildings inspected the Supervisors will inspect the new hospital, which is rapidly nearing completion. After the visit the Supervisors and their guests will be entertained at dinner by Superintendent Henry Esser.

NORTH TARRYTOWN.

A large number of well-known people from the two villages were present last evening at the opening entertainment of the peace jubilee at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church. Among the artists were Miss Morrell, Dr. C. C. Zacharie, J. E. Yates, C. W. Dwyer, Clarence E. Reynolds and the Yonkers Quartet.

TARRYTOWN.

The women of the Happy Social Club gave an entertainment last evening in the parlors of Conqueror Hook and Ladder Company.

The Tarrytown Rod and Gun Club will hold a "club smoker" on New Year's Day, and the members of Conqueror Hook and Ladder Company have decided to keep "open house" on that day.

The Tarrytown Hospital has received $73.40 from the local branch of the Woman's National War Relief Association.

The Christmas entertainment of the First Baptist Church Sunday-school will be held to-morrow evening.

Hearings in the John D. Rockefeller tax assessment suit were resumed yesterday before Willis S. Hoysradt, of Poughkeepsie, referee.

PORT CHESTER.

Captain John Martin, who was supposed to be the oldest resident of Westchester County, died yesterday at his home, in this village. Captain Martin was born in the town of Rye in 1800, and nearly all his life was connected with the fishing and oyster business in the Sound. Up to a few days ago he was active for a man of his years, and had all his faculties unimpaired, including a remarkable memory. He came from a Revolutionary family, and his grandfather was killed in the Battle of White Plains. Martin's grandfather was a fisherman of New-London, Conn., when Commodore Decatur brought the British frigate Macedonia to New-London, and dismantled her there.

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HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

ALBEMARLE—The Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks, of Boston. BUCKINGHAM—Henry Phipps, jr., of Pittsburg. CAMBRIDGE—Lord Sudeley, of London. FIFTH AVENUE—Christopher L. Magee, of Pittsburg. HOFFMAN—Colonel J. F. Gaynor, of Fayetteville, N. Y.; Charles Nelson, of Maryland, ex-Second Assistant Postmaster General; Judge John C. Bradley, of Philadelphia, and J. R. Lyon, of Albany. HOLLAND—W. Caryl Ely, of Niagara Falls; William G. Rice, United States Civil Service Commissioner, and Congressman R. R. Hitt, of Illinois. MURRAY HILL—Dr. J. Bayard Clarke, of Elizabeth, N. J. NETHERLAND—G. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad, and Marcus Daly, of Anaconda, Mont. WALDORF—L. C. Hanna, of Cleveland. WESTMINSTER—Mrs. M. Cary Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania. WINDSOR—R. B. Tattersall, of England.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Board of Education, 4 p. m.

Institution for the Blind election, Thirty-fourth-st. and Ninth-ave., 4 p. m.

Medico-Legal Society, Waldorf-Astoria, 8 p. m.

Father Brown's body in state, St. Mary the Virgin's Church.

Lecture by A. R. Conkling, Church of Divine Paternity, 8 p. m.

Brooklyn New-England Society dinner, Pouch Mansion, evening.

New-York University department of arts and sciences dinner, Sherry's, 7 p. m.

New-York University indoor gymnastic athletic tournament.

NEW-YORK CITY.

M. A. Golden is informed that Easter will come on April 2, 1899.

The First Moravian Church, Lexington-ave. and Thirtieth-st., will celebrate its 150th anniversary on December 25, 26 and 27.

John Van Schaick, jr., will deliver the third lecture in his course on "Old Dutch New-Amsterdam" on December 28 at 8 p. m., in the lecture-room of the Church of the Divine Paternity. The subject will be "In the Days of the First Three Governors."

The Monterey (Mexico) branch of the Mexican International Railroad is about finished, and will be opened for regular trains on Christmas Day. The passenger trains will consist of first, second and third class cars between Reata and Monterey and Pullman cars between Monterey and Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, where change can be made to the San Antonio-Mexico City through sleeper.

TRIED TO KILL AN OFFICER.

ARREST OF A DESPERATE CRIMINAL IN MIDDLETOWN.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Theodore Godfrey, who has already spent a year in the Albany Penitentiary, is charged with forging two checks in this city last Friday night. When Sergeant John Vail attempted to arrest Godfrey this morning in this city, Godfrey drew a revolver and fired at him, the bullet passing through his clothes and wounding him in the shoulder. Vail grappled with Godfrey and took the revolver and a slungshot from him. Godfrey is now feigning insanity. He is held for the Grand Jury. Vail was not badly wounded.

THE SECOND BATTERY REVIEWED.

The regular annual review of the 2d New-York Battery was held at the armory of this command last evening, and was attended by a large number of the friends and admirers of the battery. Brigadier-General Howard Carroll, Chief of Artillery on the staff of Governor Black, was the reviewing officer. He was accompanied by Surgeon-General M. O. Terry, General W. M. Healey, Paymaster-General; Colonel H. B. Moore, jr., Colonel Henry W. Sackett and Colonel John F. Doyle. After the battery had passed in review the men gave a drill and executed a number of difficult movements, such as mounting and dismounting the big guns, in an efficient manner. Captain David Wilson, the commander, was specially complimented by General Carroll on the work of his men.

COURT CALENDARS FOR TO-DAY.

Appellate Division—Supreme Court—Recess until Friday, December 23, at 1 p. m.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part I—Before Smyth, J.—Motion calendar called at 10:30 a. m.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part II—Before Daly, J.—Court opens at 10:30 a. m. Ex-parte matters.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part III—Before Russell, J.—Divorces: Nos. 1707, 1719, 2039, 2283, 2287, 2287, 2534, 2540, 2142, 2559, 2064, 2296, 2300, 2307, 2310, 2089, 2480, 2492, 2101. Clear.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part IV—Before Stover, J.—Law and fact: Nos. 1146, 1417, 1502, 1852, 841, 821, 1464, 1474, 1791, 1706, 1803, 1359. Clear.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part V—Before Mattice, J.—Causes to be sent from Part IV for trial. Case unfinished.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part VI—Before Pryor, J.—Motions to be sent from Special Term, Part I.

Supreme Court—Special Term—Part VII—Before Freedman, J.—Elevated railroad cases. Clear.

Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part II—Before Truax, J.—Preferred causes: Nos. 6930, 5202, 5477, 6053, 6061, 7267, 7540, 7012, 7501, 7275, 7208, 7311, 7521, 7541, 7415, 6874, 7030, 5469, 6754, 7440, 6976, 6253, 5898, 7495, 6932, 6004, 6930, 6936, 6937, 6625, 6040. Case unfinished.

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CIRCULATING A PETITION AMONG FRIENDLY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE—CITY CLERK HOYT ACCUSED.

The action of the Board of Trade of Mount Vernon in deciding upon impeachment proceedings against Mayor Fiske and an investigation of the conduct of City Clerk Hoyt, on account of the alleged illegal part they took in granting a franchise to the New-York, Westchester and Connecticut Traction Company, has created much excitement in Mount Vernon. The Mayor began yesterday in a systematic manner to ward off the proceedings by having a statement drawn and signed by many members of the Board of Trade who are friendly to him, in which they say they do not approve of the proceedings. The Mayor's father, Samuel W. Fiske, who is president of the Board, is the first signer of this document. Mr. Fiske has been ill, and has not been able to attend the meetings held to consider the street-railway franchise.

Last night a committee of the Board of Trade attended the meeting of the Aldermen and preferred charges against City Clerk Hoyt, accusing him in an emphatic manner of suppressing the application of the Union Railroad Company for the franchise given to the New-York, Westchester and Connecticut Traction Company. Mayor Fiske, after receiving the charges and ordering them read, asked to have a statement placed on record that he did not recognize the charges as legally made, because a quorum of the Board of Trade was not present at the meeting when the charges were formulated. After the reading of the charges the Mayor claimed the right to investigate them under the charter, but the members, under the leadership of Aldermen Grant and Howe, voted to have them referred to the Committee of the Whole. The next movement of the Board of Trade will be to begin legal proceedings to annul the franchise of the traction company.

MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST MRS. BOTKIN.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—When John P. Dunning was called to the witness-stand in the Botkin murder trial to-day, he refused to answer the question put to him yesterday by Attorney Knight, for the defence, who wished to know the names of women with whom Dunning had been intimate, other than Mrs. Botkin, intimacy with whom he has admitted.

Dunning had spent the night in prison for refusing to testify, and when asked to give the information, said that when it was shown that any woman other than the accused could be in any way connected with the taking-off of Mrs. Dunning and her sister, he would give the names of other women.

Mrs. Louise Seeley, a mutual friend of Mrs. Botkin and Dunning, told of her acquaintance with them. She denied ever having sent Mrs. Dunning candy or to have written anonymously to Mrs. Dunning. Mr. Pennington, father of the dead woman, testified that he had received and read three anonymous letters sent to his daughter.

Daniel T. Ames, the writing expert of New-York, testified that he had examined all the writing in the case and was convinced that the anonymous letters, the address on the candy box and the note to Mrs. Dunning's little girl, were all written by the same person and that Mrs. Botkin was the writer.

ICEMEN AND LUMBERMEN DISAPPOINTED.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 20 (Special).—The rainstorm and mild weather which set in throughout Northern New-York to-day and threaten to continue cause much worriment among the icemen. The ice had obtained a thickness of nine inches and was developing rapidly. The annual harvest was to begin when the ice reached a thickness of twelve inches. The icemen hoped to put on a big force of men in a few days.

The lumbermen, who a week ago entered the Adirondacks expecting to continue operations throughout the winter without interruption, have also had a setback from the mild wave, which threatens the snow in that region.

THE MANAGEMENT CRITICISED.

MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF THE HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Price, McCormick & Co. have within the last few months issued two or three circulars to stockholders of the Hanover Fire Insurance Company criticising its management and suggesting the calling of a stockholders' meeting to consider the question of liquidating the corporation. The latest of these circulars was sent out about December 8, and asked the stockholders to attend a meeting on December 20 in the Manhattan Life Building.

The meeting was held yesterday. Mr. Price, of Price, McCormick & Co., refused after its adjournment to give any information as to what action, if any, had been decided upon, and was unwilling to say even whether or not there was a large attendance. Another stockholder was found, however, who was less uncommunicative. There were seventeen persons present at the meeting, he said, one being stenographer. Messrs Price and F. M. Plummer, of Price, McCormick & Co., who owned 2,110 shares of the stock and held proxies for about 225 more, were there in the interest of the call. The total number of stockholders, he continued, was about four hundred, and the sixteen stockholders at the meeting represented about two thousand of the 20,000 shares into which the capital stock of the Hanover Fire Insurance Company was divided. The company sent no representatives to the meeting. Mr. Price made a long speech, and at its close moved the appointment of a stockholders' committee which should be charged with duties similar to those outlined in the circular quoted. Mr. Plummer seconded the motion, but on the vote only these two men were found to be in the affirmative, and the resolution was accordingly declared lost. There was some more discussion, and finally somebody moved to adjourn. This motion was promptly carried, but afterward Mr. Price and Mr. Plummer sought to have the meeting reopened.

The other stockholders would not assent to this, however, declaring that new notices would have to be sent out, and the adjournment stood as final. The annual meeting of the Hanover company is to be held next month, and it was the sense of the stockholders who attended yesterday's meeting—except Mr. Price and Mr. Plummer—that charges of mismanagement, if there are any, should be brought up at that time.

INTERNATIONAL NEEDLE COMPANY.

The International Needle Company yesterday filed articles of incorporation at Newark, N. J. It will manufacture needles, pins, wire and wire rods of all descriptions. The capital stock is $300,000. The incorporators are O. K. Story, of New-York; Eugene Fountain, of Detroit, and A. T. Sweeney, of Newark.

WORK OF THE ANTI-IMPERIALISTS.

Boston, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Anti-Imperialist League held to-day congratulations were extended through Samuel Gompers, one of the vice-presidents, to the American Federation of Labor for its resolution to instruct "its executive officers to use all honorable means to secure the defeat of the legislation tending toward annexation and imperialism." It was reported that Senator Hoar has had in his hands petitions containing over 5,000 names, and that they are coming in daily with increased volume from every State in the Union; also that Cornell University has come into line with other colleges with a large list of names.

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THE CHARGES AGAINST MAYOR FISKE.

CIRCULATING A PETITION AMONG FRIENDLY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRADE—CITY CLERK HOYT ACCUSED.

The action of the Board of Trade of Mount Vernon in deciding upon impeachment proceedings against Mayor Fiske and an investigation of the conduct of City Clerk Hoyt, on account of the alleged illegal part they took in granting a franchise to the New-York, Westchester and Connecticut Traction Company, has created much excitement in Mount Vernon. The Mayor began yesterday in a systematic manner to ward off the proceedings by having a statement drawn and signed by many members of the Board of Trade who are friendly to him, in which they say they do not approve of the proceedings. The Mayor's father, Samuel W. Fiske, who is president of the Board, is the first signer of this document. Mr. Fiske has been ill, and has not been able to attend the meetings held to consider the street-railway franchise.

Last night a committee of the Board of Trade attended the meeting of the Aldermen and preferred charges against City Clerk Hoyt, accusing him in an emphatic manner of suppressing the application of the Union Railroad Company for the franchise given to the New-York, Westchester and Connecticut Traction Company. Mayor Fiske, after receiving the charges and ordering them read, asked to have a statement placed on record that he did not recognize the charges as legally made, because a quorum of the Board of Trade was not present at the meeting when the charges were formulated. After the reading of the charges the Mayor claimed the right to investigate them under the charter, but the members, under the leadership of Aldermen Grant and Howe, voted to have them referred to the Committee of the Whole. The next movement of the Board of Trade will be to begin legal proceedings to annul the franchise of the traction company.

MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST MRS. BOTKIN.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—When John P. Dunning was called to the witness-stand in the Botkin murder trial to-day, he refused to answer the question put to him yesterday by Attorney Knight, for the defence, who wished to know the names of women with whom Dunning had been intimate, other than Mrs. Botkin, intimacy with whom he has admitted.

Dunning had spent the night in prison for refusing to testify, and when asked to give the information, said that when it was shown that any woman other than the accused could be in any way connected with the taking-off of Mrs. Dunning and her sister, he would give the names of other women.

Mrs. Louise Seeley, a mutual friend of Mrs. Botkin and Dunning, told of her acquaintance with them. She denied ever having sent Mrs. Dunning candy or to have written anonymously to Mrs. Dunning. Mr. Pennington, father of the dead woman, testified that he had received and read three anonymous letters sent to his daughter.

Daniel T. Ames, the writing expert of New-York, testified that he had examined all the writing in the case and was convinced that the anonymous letters, the address on the candy box and the note to Mrs. Dunning's little girl, were all written by the same person and that Mrs. Botkin was the writer.

ICEMEN AND LUMBERMEN DISAPPOINTED.

Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 20 (Special).—The rainstorm and mild weather which set in throughout Northern New-York to-day and threaten to continue cause much worriment among the icemen. The ice had obtained a thickness of nine inches and was developing rapidly. The annual harvest was to begin when the ice reached a thickness of twelve inches. The icemen hoped to put on a big force of men in a few days.

The lumbermen, who a week ago entered the Adirondacks expecting to continue operations throughout the winter without interruption, have also had a setback from the mild wave, which threatens the snow in that region.

THE MANAGEMENT CRITICISED.

MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF THE HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Price, McCormick & Co. have within the last few months issued two or three circulars to stockholders of the Hanover Fire Insurance Company criticising its management and suggesting the calling of a stockholders' meeting to consider the question of liquidating the corporation. The latest of these circulars was sent out about December 8, and asked the stockholders to attend a meeting on December 20 in the Manhattan Life Building.

The meeting was held yesterday. Mr. Price, of Price, McCormick & Co., refused after its adjournment to give any information as to what action, if any, had been decided upon, and was unwilling to say even whether or not there was a large attendance. Another stockholder was found, however, who was less uncommunicative. There were seventeen persons present at the meeting, he said, one being stenographer. Messrs Price and F. M. Plummer, of Price, McCormick & Co., who owned 2,110 shares of the stock and held proxies for about 225 more, were there in the interest of the call. The total number of stockholders, he continued, was about four hundred, and the sixteen stockholders at the meeting represented about two thousand of the 20,000 shares into which the capital stock of the Hanover Fire Insurance Company was divided. The company sent no representatives to the meeting. Mr. Price made a long speech, and at its close moved the appointment of a stockholders' committee which should be charged with duties similar to those outlined in the circular quoted. Mr. Plummer seconded the motion, but on the vote only these two men were found to be in the affirmative, and the resolution was accordingly declared lost. There was some more discussion, and finally somebody moved to adjourn. This motion was promptly carried, but afterward Mr. Price and Mr. Plummer sought to have the meeting reopened.

The other stockholders would not assent to this, however, declaring that new notices would have to be sent out, and the adjournment stood as final. The annual meeting of the Hanover company is to be held next month, and it was the sense of the stockholders who attended yesterday's meeting—except Mr. Price and Mr. Plummer—that charges of mismanagement, if there are any, should be brought up at that time.

INTERNATIONAL NEEDLE COMPANY.

The International Needle Company yesterday filed articles of incorporation at Newark, N. J. It will manufacture needles, pins, wire and wire rods of all descriptions. The capital stock is $300,000. The incorporators are O. K. Story, of New-York; Eugene Fountain, of Detroit, and A. T. Sweeney, of Newark.

WORK OF THE ANTI-IMPERIALISTS.

Boston, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the Anti-Imperialist League held to-day congratulations were extended through Samuel Gompers, one of the vice-presidents, to the American Federation of Labor for its resolution to instruct "its executive officers to use all honorable means to secure the defeat of the legislation tending toward annexation and imperialism." It was reported that Senator Hoar has had in his hands petitions containing over 5,000 names, and that they are coming in daily with increased volume from every State in the Union; also that Cornell University has come into line with other colleges with a large list of names.

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Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part V—Before Dugro, J.—Causes to be sent from Part III for trial. Clear.

Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part VI—Adjourned for the term.

Supreme Court—Trial Term—Part VII—Before Beach, J.—Nos. 3404, 3413, 3409, 3506, 3507, 3511, 3829, 3849, 3790, 3746, 2115, 3443, 2341, 1722, 3294, 3304, 3350, 3825, 988, 3876, 3888, 3902, 1028, 2860, 2870, 2896, 1062, 1758, 1802, 2707, 2749, 1900. Clear.

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