

GOVERNOR TRASK MAY LOSE HIS PLACE.

Evidence Against the Head of Sailors' Snug Harbor is All In.

TRUSTEES ARE THE JURY.

Now Considering the Charges That Many Old Tars Have Brought Forward.

The Board of Trustees completed the hearing of evidence in their investigation of Sailors' Snug Harbor yesterday.

The investigation, which began three months ago, did not at first include an examination of the office of Governor Trask.

The trustees were first prompted to look into the condition of the old sailors' home by the publication in the Journal of a letter written by Dr. B. E. Richardson.

I am to be investigated in connection with Dr. Joy and Druggist Jeffers. I want to ask the privilege of employing counsel.

The request was granted upon a motion of Recorder Goff, of the Board.

Many Sailors Against Trask. A crowd of witnesses, composed chiefly of old sailors, has hovered about the door of the office of "The Harbor."

The witnesses called before the board by Governor Trask have not hesitated to speak against the Governor.

Alleged Abuses of the Pavilion. Mr. Moss spent much of his time investigating the conduct of the "Pavilion."

An aged man known as "Old Billy" Burbank was summoned before the board from a cell in the pavilion.

Whether demerited or not, he told at least a coherent story before the board.

There was much testimony as to the condition of the "Pavilion." The witnesses were not in declaring it poorly ventilated and filthy.

Mr. Moss engaged a physician, whose name he not made known, to make a secret inspection of the "Pavilion."

It was during his recital that Rev. Morgan Dix, a trustee, suddenly put his handkerchief to his eyes and quietly wept.

"In a hospital," said Mr. Moss, "nowhere else, could he be better than next to Godliness, should it not?"

HELD THE POLICE AT BAY. Raber's Murderer Mortally Wounded After Standing a Siege in His Own House and in the Water Works.

Dubois, Pa., Dec. 23.—Steve Spellen, who murdered Mike Raber last night, and was then besieged in his home by the officers, escaped from the house this morning.

Drawing his revolver as he came out, he fired right and left, wounding several policemen.

You may have some announcements That you desire to make; Then use the Journal "Want" ads. And you'll make no mistake.

WHAT TWO ORPHANS HOPE FOR FROM THEIR SAGA A CAUS.



THE decree of the Queen Regent of Spain...

Spain proclaiming autonomy in the islands of Cuba and Porto Rico has been translated into English at the instance of Senator Dupuy de Lome.

It will be recalled that the decree awarded central, provincial, and municipal self-government to Cuba.

Furthermore, the colonists were given control over their own tariff, fixing both import and export duties.

There will still be a Governor-General, appointed by the Spanish Crown, and his authority should be absolute in most respects.

It is apparently the preamble of the decree that Senator De Lome relies upon to turn the current of sympathy in America from Cuba to Spain.

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Stricken While Attending the Annual Meeting of Princeton Trustees.

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X RAYS ACQUIT ORME.

The Plea That These Killed Punzo Clears the Accused.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The jury in the trial of George A. C. Orme today rendered a verdict of not guilty of murder.

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VERA AVA'S FRIEND LOSES A FORTUNE.

Orchardson's Marriage to Mrs. Merrick Annulled by Illinois Court.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—A case unique in the annals of law and establishing an astounding precedent in that the setting aside of a marriage contract is authorized after one of the contracting parties has been dead for almost four years.

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CONGRESS A BUSINESS EXPENSE.

Kings County Grand Jury Recommends Doing Away with Them.

DEEGAN'S DUAL ROLES.

For a Long Time He Has Served as Coroner's Clerk and as Juror.

Three weeks have passed since Edward E. Coombs and James Nason, Coroners for Kings County, were indicted by the Kings County Grand Jury.

The December Grand Jury labored for three weeks looking into the records of Coroners Joseph A. Keue and Joseph Creamer.

To Do Away with Coroners. Following is an extract from their presentment: We recommend to the Legislature of the State that the office of Coroner be abolished.

The investigation covered only the time prior to the present Coroners' terms of office. Judge Hurd looked at the presentment and looked at the jury, gasped and sat still.

Then slowly, and with fine impressiveness he delivered this weighty comment: "Gentlemen, I wish you a Merry Christmas."

Deegan's Dual Roles. Employed in the Coroner's office for many years is James J. Deegan, chief clerk.

Some of the results of Mr. Deegan's long experience may be found in the instances appended.

Two or three years ago, a young man, Peter Morre's baby daughter, Mary, one of twins, died at No. 59 Columbia street.

According to Coroner Kene, there were six jurors besides Mr. Deegan, F. J. Dougherty, No. 538 Hicks street; William J. McGowan, No. 112 Warren street; and Charles J. Deegan, No. 212 Atlantic street.

Still Another Case. Comes then the inquest on Jefferson Moran, of No. 309 Hudson avenue.

Anderson to Die March 16. Convicted of Killing Mate Saunders of the Olive Pecker.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—John Anderson was today convicted of the murder of William Wallace Saunders, mate of the schooner Olive Pecker.

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FORGING GAGE OUT OF THE CABINET.

Stalwart Republicans Prefer Charges Against the Secretary of the Treasury.

NOT TO BE TRUSTED.

Purposely Disobeyed the President's Orders in a Matter of the Tariff Law.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A determined effort is to be made to force the retirement of Secretary Gage from the Treasury Department.

The Senators who are so desirous of this change in the Cabinet have prepared a formal list of charges, and they think these are sufficient.

The Secretary is also charged with being an out-and-out bull dog. So much so that he would sacrifice the party to firmly establish the strict standard.

After the first intimation had been given to the President, the Administration would be more of a success with a new Secretary of the Treasury.

Western Men Alarmed. Influential Republicans are every day becoming convinced more strongly that Secretary Gage must go.

Archibald Agnir, a Labor Leader. James T. Archibald, former warden of the State Jail is in the labor movement again.

MAIL THIEF RUN DOWN. One of an Expert Band Who Have Been Robbing Letter Boxes on a Wholesale Plan.

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DIGGEST BUDGET ON THE RECORD.

More Than \$50,000,000, but There is a General Fund of Five Million.

PRODIGALITY SINCE NOV. 2.

Waring Gets Lap Robes and Burlaps to Be Paid For by Bond Sales.

A budget of \$51,443,644.64, the largest in the history of New York, was yesterday agreed upon and signed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

The general fund represents cash received for licenses, excise money, unexpended balances of appropriations, etc.

Board of Education.....\$1,000,000 Public Works.....3,341,415 Fire Department.....2,700,000 Health Board.....100,000

Among other things for the Street Cleaning Department were 125 horses, 500 horse collars, 10 sets of harness, 10 light wagons, 15 lap robes and 25 rubber covers for horses.

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