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## MISS DAVIS TO BE APPOINTED

### Head of Bedford Reformatory Will Be Member of Mayor Mitchel's Cabinet.

### GIVEN EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Miss Katherine Bement Davis, LL.D., Ph.D., superintendent of the State Reformatory for Women at Bedford, will be the Commissioner of Correction in the cabinet of Mayor-elect John Purroy Mitchel of New York. This is an honor never before conferred on a woman in the metropolis, and the fact that Miss Davis is to be the first woman ever appointed to a commissioner-ship in New York is a tribute to her and an appreciation of the fine work she has done while head of the state reformatory.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Reformatory on Saturday a four years' leave of absence was granted to Miss Davis, and she left Bedford Friday to go to New York to prepare to assume the duties of her office.

Miss Davis is one of the most prominent women in Westchester County, and in the years she has been at Bedford has done fine work.

Miss Davis is fifty-three years old, a graduate of Vassar, a doctor of philosophy from the University of Chicago in 1900, and a doctor of laws from Mount Holyoke in 1912. She is a widely recognized authority on the social aspects of penology and criminology, and when John D. Rockefeller, Jr., organized his Bureau of Social Hygiene two years ago to "make war against the forces of evil" Miss Davis was made one of its members.

On the walls of the buildings at Bedford hangs the motto: "Forgetting the things which are behind and reaching forth to those things which are before." That is Miss Davis' creed, and she has carried it to the point of declaring that punishment should be fashioned to fit the criminal.

Nearly two years ago Miss Davis outlined her system to city magistrates and others interested in the subject. What she said then was with women offenders specifically in mind, but her theories could have been applied to all classes. They have an unusual significance at this time.

"Do away with the women's departments in the penitentiary and the workhouse," was her first declaration. "Establish reformatories instead." "Establish a clearing house for offenders; study them scientifically, work for their reformation where it is possible; where it is not possible, provide for them so that they may spend their lives neither menacing nor menaced."

### SEVERAL WANT WHITE PLAINS POST OFFICE.

The position of postmaster of the village of White Plains is a coveted place, judging from the number of petitions that are being circulated for the appointment to that office to succeed Postmaster James K. Cowan. Petitions are being circulated through the village for signers for Henry Sutherland, Benoni Platt, William A. Hanson and I. Howard Kinch.

The comment is heard that Mr. Kinch has the least chance of any to receive the appointment because he has so frequently been a candidate for some office or other.

On Thursday afternoon as Walter Reynolds and Charles Murphy, of Mt. Kisco, employed by the Telephone Co., were near the Elliott Building on Bedford Road, the Ford runabout in which they were riding became unmanageable and overturned, after crashing into a telegraph pole.

Reynolds was thrown heavily and sustained a broken arm and several severe bruises. Murphy, who was driving the car, escaped with only slight bruises. It is supposed that the steering gear broke while they were attempting to make a turn. Dr. McPhail attended the young men, who considered themselves lucky to escape with no more serious injuries. The car was badly damaged.

Secretary Baxley will resume his Y. M. C. A. classes at the High School building tomorrow afternoon and evening. Much enthusiasm in these classes is being shown by the boys in the afternoon and by the men in the evening and an attractive winter program is being arranged by Mr. Baxley.

### PAUL M. WARBURG ON NEW CURRENCY LAW.

#### Says They Should Mean a New Era in History of Banking.

Paul M. Warburg, of Central Avenue, Hartsdale, just outside of White Plains, who is a member of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and who has been mentioned as one of the probable members of the Federal Reserve Board under the new currency laws, has given out a statement in which he says that the law "would mean a new era in the history of banking in the United States."

"There cannot be any doubt," he said, "but that the enactment of this legislation will inaugurate a new era in the history of banking in the United States. While it is to be regretted that some important suggestions made by the business community could not be adopted, the fundamental thoughts, for the victory of which some of us have worked for so many years, have won."

"That is to say, from now on we shall witness the gradual elimination of the bond-secured currency, of scattered reserves, of immobilized commercial paper, and of pyramiding of call loans on the Stock Exchange. The ship is headed right, and nothing will ever turn her back into her old course. This is a success of such vast importance that no matter whether or not the law is perfect in many details, we have all reason to be profoundly grateful for having progressed so far."

"As long as this legislation was a question for discussion, it was incumbent on all of us to try to be helpful by offering the freest criticism. Now that the discussion is closed and the law has gone into effect, there remains only one thing for us to do, and that is for each of us cheerfully to cooperate in giving it the fairest and fullest test."

"If, after a few years of actual experience, it should be shown that the business community was wrong in its suggestions and apprehensions, we all shall be satisfied. If, on the other hand, it should be shown that errors were made, I believe that the country at large and its representatives at Washington will then be perfectly willing to make the necessary amendments to the law. By that time a great many things which today are questions of theory will have become hard facts and everybody will be able to judge from actual experience."

"It is only natural that in a matter on which so many minds had to agree concessions and compromises were necessary. By forcing the member banks to continue to keep a portion of their reserves in their own vaults, by providing for a minimum of eight federal reserve banks, instead of four, the law arrests the fullest possible concentration of reserves, and thereby restricts to a material degree the power and elasticity of the future system. It is this was done as an expression of conservatism, in order to bring about a gradual development only of the system; Congress may have acted wisely, but it is sincerely to be hoped that the future Federal Reserve Board will frame its policy accordingly."

"The instrument now created must not be overtaxed. Within its limitations it will be safe, if conservatively managed, but it can only very gradually lead toward perfect fluidity of credit by the creation of important discount markets. In order to reach the ultimate aim of this law, it is earnestly to be hoped that the future board will not overheat the boilers up to the danger point by trying to make this delicate craft produce results, which, as now designed, may be beyond her power and beyond the limits of safety, but rather, after a fair and conservative test, and as time and experience will teach us, perfect the construction."

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## CONFESSED SHOOTING

### Sheriff Doyle Makes Clever Capture of Ludwig Girl's Assailant.

### IMPLICATED ANOTHER

After putting Frank Cappelo, a young Italian of Harmon-on-the-Hudson, through a grilling for six hours, Sheriff William J. Doyle of Westchester County, announced Saturday morning that the prisoner had confessed to holding up and shooting Miss Mary Ludwig near Croton-on-Hudson on the afternoon of December 18 last. Miss Ludwig, when she was shot in the right lung and then in the abdomen, fell to the ground and fainted that she was dead. He assailed her believing that he had killed the girl ran away.

When Cappelo was arrested in one of the bunk cars of the New York Central Railroad Company at Croton, he had a smooth face. Sheriff Doyle noticed that he had shaved within a very short time, and he took his prisoner before Miss Ludwig in the Ossining Hospital to see if she could identify him.

"Is this the man that shot you?" Sheriff Doyle asked Miss Ludwig. "The man that committed the crime had a mustache," the young woman said faintly. "If I hear his voice and he repeats what he said to me before he fired the shots, I would recognize him positively." Sheriff Doyle made Cappelo repeat "I will kill you." Miss Ludwig slightly raised her head and said: "That is the man." Sheriff Doyle had to secretly convey his prisoner to the White Plains Jail because as soon as the residents of Croton and Harmon heard that the assailant of the young woman had been identified, they formed a posse and threatened to lynch Cappelo.

Sheriff Doyle has forced the prisoner to let his moustache grow, and now Miss Ludwig is sure of her identification. In telling his story to Sheriff Doyle, Cappelo admitted that he had followed the girl and implicated another Italian who has fled from Croton, and it is said he may be on his way to Italy.

In his confession he said: "I followed the girl and pulled the gun in her face. She cried and hollered. I didn't shoot her intentionally. I shot towards the river and she got in the way."

The name of the other man whom he implicated has not been given out, but Sheriff Doyle expects to capture him within the next thirty-six hours. He was in New York last night in the search, but did not locate his man.

NEW ELECTRIC BULB FACTORY NOW ASSURED.

### White Plains Business Men Have Raised Sufficient Funds To Insure New Industry There.

Owing to this being the holiday season several of the men who are interested in the proposition of Guy V. Williams as to the building of a factory for the manufacture of incandescent electric light bulbs were unable to attend the meeting Monday night. The meeting was held in the offices of I. & A. G. Wright.

It was planned to effect a permanent organization Monday night, but this was put off until next Monday night, when a meeting will be held in the Wright offices.

It was announced Monday night that the sum of \$10,000 had been subscribed, and the factory is almost a certainty. The men have been looking over several places for locating, but as yet have not decided upon a site.

More details will be announced after the meeting of next week. The total sum which has been named as being necessary before the actual work of manufacturing incandescent light bulbs is started is \$25,000; and the remaining \$15,000 is expected to be raised soon. A number of men whom Mr. Williams has spoken to in regards to the proposition have said that they would subscribe towards the plan, if the investigating committee reported favorably, and if they were shown where other prominent men of affairs in the village had pledged money towards it. Now that the matter has progressed so far and so favorably it is expected that they will subscribe.

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## HOSPITAL SITE CHOSEN

### Supervisors Decide to Locate Tuberculosis Institution in North Castle.

### LAST SESSION WAS BUSY

The Board of Supervisors Monday adopted a resolution to purchase a site for the proposed hospital for the care of county tuberculosis patients in the Town of North Castle, about two miles south of Bedford Station.

The property contains 225 acres, and the price is \$3,500. The resolution was adopted after a brief debate and after the property had been inspected by the supervisors who were taken over the proposed site last Saturday. The vote on the resolution was 21 to 13.

Supervisor Forsyth announced that it would be necessary to have all superintendents of bridges send in their estimates for the care of bridges.

The heads of the various county departments filed their estimates of expenditures for the coming year.

The Peekskill Board of Trade, in a letter sent to the board, asked that changes be made in the laws regulating the care of poor in institutions in the county. Supervisor Allen talked for the proposition and it was referred to committee.

The bonds of Daniel J. Cashin, County Clerk-elect, and V. Everitt Macy, Superintendent of Poolesville, were received and favorably reported on by the Judiciary Committee.

The following bids were received for the construction of a bridge over the Eastchester Creek at Mt. Vernon, but no award was made: Lupter & Reimick, \$88,544, alternate, \$84,544.

Frank Nordane, \$98,355. John Hart, \$131,311. John Monks & Son, \$138,245. Great Lakes Dock Company, \$148,367.

The question of the alternate bid of Lupter & Reimick was laid over. The question of the salaries for the men in the district attorney's office, those in the county clerk's office, the custodian of maps, and interpreters, were defeated, and when a reconsideration was asked they were laid over.

The same course was taken with the resolution to appoint a county auditor, but the salaries for the men in the surrogate's office were adopted.

The resolution fixing the salary of the Superintendent of Poor at \$5,000 was adopted, although Supervisor John Jenkins offered an amendment to make the salary \$1. The amendment was lost.

Supervisor Millard, for the committee on Bronx Parkway, in response to a request from the board, reported that the total estimated cost of the lands and the expense of taking them for the big parkway plan was \$4,000,000, and that the average cost per acre up to the present was less than was estimated. Mr. Millard said this might be due to the fact that the most favorable options were closed first and that later the prices might not be so favorable.

The commission had the sole responsibility in taking the lands, and that it had followed a policy of notifying the board before closing titles so that if any objections were raised they might be heard. The City of New York pays three-fourths of the cost and the County of Westchester the remainder.

At the close of the meeting short addresses were made by several of the retiring members, some of whom have served as supervisors for a number of years. Those who expressed their regret at leaving the board, where their relations had been most pleasant, were Congressman Benjamin I. Taylor, of Harrison; Edgar C. Beecroft, of Pelham; John J. Stahl and Alfred M. Bailey, of Yonkers. The other members of the board who retired are Louis N. Eldred, Clarence Farrington and James K. Fuller, of Mt. Vernon; Frank Breucher, of New Rochelle; Joseph Haight, of Rye; Arthur Barrett and Michael Molloy, of Yonkers.

The board will be made up of the following after January 1: Bedford—Edward P. Barrett. Cortlandt—S. Fletcher Allen. Eastchester—Frederick P. Closs. Greenburgh—Charles D. Millard. Harrison—Max Winkler. Lewisboro—William C. Hull. Mamaroneck—John H. McArdle. Mount Pleasant—John J. Sinnott.

## MT. KISCO VICTORIOUS

### Bowlers From That Village Defeat Best Pin Artists From County Seat.

### WON 8 OUT OF 10 GAMES

White Plains lost the two games played against Mount Kisco on Warner's alleys, White Plains, on last Tuesday night in what was supposed to have been a fifteen game, two man team, match between E. J. out and Secor of Mt. Kisco and Mahar and Thompson of White Plains.

In the first eight games played at Mt. Kisco last week White Plains lost 6 out of 8 and it was only necessary for the Mt. Kisco team to win two games Tuesday night, which they did easily.

Secor	220	223
Pineout	214	223
Thompson	201	164
Mahar	158	183

In the single man match games which followed the villages broke even, and the scores made follow:

First Game.		
Secor	147	209
Mahoney	188	182
Fineout	211	202
Second Game.		
Secor	175	193
Mahoney	219	188
Fineout	167	205
Mahar	210	188

### PAY STATE LARGE INHERITANCE TAX.

The inheritance taxes paid by Westchester County in the State funds this year reaches the large sum of \$450,106.48.

The tax comes from the heirs of the decedents from estates handled through the Surrogate's office, and Surrogate William A. Sawyer, during the time he has been in office, has passed on many large estates.

The figures showing the total of the inheritance tax paid into the State funds have just been completed by William C. Morton, the assistant transfer tax appraiser and of the large total over \$400,000 has been paid since May 1 of this year.

The amount of money paid by Westchester County from this source also gives some idea of the work that is handled in the Surrogate's office, but it is also true that the large estates coming into that office is responsible for the great sum paid over.

Many of the estates filed are so small that they pay no tax, while others pay but one per cent. One estate alone paid \$115,000 in inheritance tax.

The trains which will not run over the Harlem today owing to the holiday are:

Northbound—5.36, 6.31, 7.38 and 11.57 p. m.

Southbound—6.52, 7.31, 7.50, 9.52 a. m., and 2.36 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hoyt entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Daly, of New York City, on Christmas Day.

### MT. VERNON

First Ward—Daniel C. Hickey. Second Ward—Dr. H. Eugene Smith. Third Ward—Andrew Grigoman. Fourth Ward—Charles Heinsolin. Fifth Ward—Edward Mitchell. New Castle—Howard R. Washburn. New Rochelle—

First Ward—Edward Carson. Second Ward—William P. Hoffkins. Third Ward—Fred L. Merritt. Fourth Ward—Louis Goss.

North Castle—Charles McDonald. North Salem—Frank S. Reynolds. Ossining—John P. Jenkins. Pelham—Hugh Herndon. Poundridge—George I. Ruscoo. Rye—George Werner. Scarsdale—Alexander M. Crabb. Somers—George Turner.

White Plains—Parrington M. Thompson. Yonkers—

First Ward—George Engle. Second Ward—John D. Mahoney. Third Ward—Edward A. Forsyth. Fourth Ward—Joseph Larkin. Fifth Ward—Thomas J. O'Brien. Sixth Ward—Michael J. Nolan. Seventh Ward—William Dunn. Eighth Ward—Clarence Alexander. Ninth Ward—Benjamin Fitzgibbons. Tenth Ward—Charles M. Zervan. Yorktown—James K. Strang.

The political complexion of the Board of Supervisors after the first of the year will be twenty-three Republicans and twelve Democrats.

## KATONAH'S PUBLIC CHRISTMAS TREE

### Community Celebration Was Held at Fountain Green Wednesday Evening.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND BAND MUSIC

### DISTRICT ATTORNEY WEEKS SWORN IN TUESDAY.

#### Mr. Winslow Presented With Loving Cup by October Grand Jury.

Frederick E. Weeks, of White Plains, who will take office as district attorney of Westchester County on Thursday was sworn in Tuesday by County Judge William P. Platt in his chambers.

Mr. Weeks has been seventeen years in the office of assistant district attorney and his election by the people last fall to the office of district attorney came as a well-deserved promotion.

Wednesday the members of the October Grand Jury, of which Andrew B. Buchanan of Buchanan, is the foreman, presented through the clerk, John L. Mitchell, of New Rochelle, to District Attorney Francis A. Winslow, who presides, a silver loving cup.

Tuesday morning in the County Court, Attorney John M. Digney, took occasion to call the Court's attention to the retiring of the district attorney after six years of service. He congratulated Mr. Winslow on the management of the office, saying while crime had been prosecuted diligently it had been done in a kind and humane manner.

Judge Platt joined in commending the district attorney for his good work.

### SEEKS INDIAN TRIBE IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

#### Government Writes to County Clerk Buck About Reservation Said To Be at Lewisboro.

The Department of the Interior, United States Indian Service, through the New York Agency at Salamanca, N. Y., wants to know about the Indians in Westchester County.

The following letter tells its own story: "County Clerk, Westchester County.

"Dear Sir:—I have been written to with regard to an Indian reservation in the northern part of Westchester County in the Town of Lewisboro, comprising 276 acres, upon which three aged Indians reside."

"I have no information about such a reservation, and if one exists, you will probably be the best person to inform me with regard thereto. "Please let me know whether there is any land of this nature in Westchester County, and if so, the number of Indians residing thereon and the tribe to which they belong."

The letter is signed by Thomas F. Murphy, special Indian agent in charge.

Deputy Register Charles D. Hoyt, who knows considerable about the Town of Lewisboro, says there are plenty of "Indians," but no reservation and no particular tribe.

### APPOINTED SECRETARY TO BRONX SEWER COMMISSION.

#### Assemblyman Mortimer C. O'Brien Gets Position Left Vacant by James J. Shaw.

Mortimer C. O'Brien, Assemblyman from this district, whose term expires today, has been appointed secretary to the Bronx Valley Sower Commission, which position has only been filled temporarily since James J. Shaw was deposed several months ago.

The appointment, it is said, was made several weeks ago, but with the understanding that it did not become effective until January 1. The salary is \$2,500 per year.

So far as is known no appointment has been made to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry C. Merritt, the missing former supervisor from the Town of Eastchester. This appointment is made by Governor Glynn.

The life of the Bronx Valley Sewer Commission expires in June, 1914, but it is said an extension of time will be asked.

Fred Hickok and family spent Christmas Day and the week-end with his parents at Pateh, Conn.

### Had Old Scorge Stopped for half an hour from between the covers of "The Christmas Carol" and llofered at the corners of Bedford Green and Valley Road on Christmas Eve, he would have seen sights and heard sounds not less inspiring than those to which, according to the story as told by Dickens, his ghostly visitors directed his attention.

For on that evening all Katonah was gathered around its first community Christmas Tree, and the ceremony was impressive enough to have thawed the frigid exterior of even harder hearts than that of the famous partner of the late lamented Jacob Marley.

The tree itself was a tribute to the sense of symmetry and proportion which some genius displayed in selecting it from among many of its fellows. Sturdy, well formed and graceful, it was as nearly perfect as a tree could be, and stood among its new-found surroundings as naturally as if it had grown there since the days when good old Saint Nick was a mere babe in arms.

To the natural beauty of the tree the Katonah Lighting Company had added a touch of the true Yuletide spirit in furnishing a goodly number of colored lights, which twinkled merrily among the hemlock boughs.

About the base of the tree were grouped a company of school children who, under the direction of the Misses Ethel and Alice Green, rendered a number of well-known Christmas carols. These were sung in a most pleasing manner, and delighted the large crowd assembled to attend the celebration.

Later in the evening the combined bands of Bedford Hills and Katonah furnished a very attractive musical program, consisting of popular and patriotic airs.

The perfect weather conditions, combined with the excellent program rendered, made the performance a decided success, and the members of the committee which planned for and carried out the celebration, are to be congratulated.

### FIXED AMOUNT FOR CARE OF HIGHWAYS

Harvey B. Green Tuesday sent to the State Highway Department the amount of money fixed for the care of highways in the various towns in the county adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors Monday.

The various total amounts follow:

Bedford	\$23,000
Cortland	26,300
Eastchester	8,675
Greenburgh	30,000
Jarrison	20,800
Lewisboro	3,500
Mamaroneck	4,250
Mt. Pleasant	7,500
New Castle	5,800
North Castle	2,850
North Salem	1,400
Ossining	6,200
Pelham	5,600
Poundridge	1,200
Rye	8,300
Scarsdale	12,000
Somers	2,725
White Plains	7,500
Yorktown	6,650

Total \$186,755

The amounts are divided in four items, but the total for each town is given above.

### NEW FREIGHT SIDING

Considerable activity is manifest in the building of the new freight siding north of the Bedford Hills Station. A steam shovel is excavating the gravel and a large force of men is engaged in laying the new tracks. The freight business at Bedford Hills has nearly doubled during the past few years, owing to the extensive building operations, and the increase of business done with vicinity farmers who buy in car load lots.

Many dog owners have called their tar to get their license tags from Town Clerk Merriman. Those who value their pets should attend to the matter without delay.