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CUTS AQUEDUCT ASSESSMENTS

Decision of Justice Mills May Effect Many Westchester Towns.

HOLDS YONKERS ITEM IS ILLEGAL

A decision by Justice Isaac N. Mills handed down on Friday, holding illegal an assessment of $15,776,300 by Yonkers against New York City aqueduct is held to be an important one not only in Yonkers but in all of the towns in Westchester County where the aqueduct and reservoir property is located.

The action of New York City against Yonkers assessors relative to the assessment against the construction on the Hillview reservoir has been watched with a great deal of interest by the nineteen towns in the county in practically all if which is a vast amount of assessable values of aqueduct construction.

The work is going on constantly and the assessments are over $13,000,000 in these towns now but under the decision that Justice Mills makes the construction work will be exempt.

In the Town of North Castle this means a severe reduction to the assessments eventually if the Yonkers case is used as a precedent since Valhalla, in the Town of North Castle, is the site of the big Kensico Reservoir and dam while in the Town of Greenburgh, between Elmsford and Eastview is the big filter bed for the aqueduct.

The action was brought by New York City against the Yonkers Board of Assessors which is made up of Robert H. Neville, Daniel W. Carroll, Frederick T. Breitbock and John J. Loehr.

The plaintiffs claimed that the aqueduct construction, most of which will be underground was unjust and that the item of $15,776,300 should be stricken from the rolls.

Justice Mills holds the assessment void and says the solution depends on whether or not the general tax act of 1909 repeals the provisions of the New York City charter which exempts aqueduct property in other counties from taxation. He says the Appellate Court has held the property to be exempt and that he follows the ruling of that court.

Justice Mills also sets forth that when as a state senator in 1901 he represented the interests of counties outside of New York a fair agreement was made in the adjustment of such taxation at that time.

SURPRISED BROTHER AFTER ABSENCE OF 37 YEARS.

Followed Horace Greeley's Advice in 1877 and Prospered in the West.

While Samuel F. Colte was sitting on his veranda in White Plains Sunday evening, enjoying a Porto Rico perfecto, a stranger approached.

"Excuse me," said the stranger, "but is this No. 16 Hillside Avenue?"

"It is," Mr. Colte replied, whereupon the stranger proceeded up on the veranda, helped himself to a chair, and chatted for half an hour with Mr. Colte.

'I guess you don't remember me, Sam," the stranger ultimately observed. Mr. Colte agreed with him.

"Well, Sam," the visitor thereupon announced, "I am your brother."

Neither Mr. Colte nor his mother was able to recognize their visitor, who had been away from them for thirty-seven years. Mrs. Colte is in her eighty-ninth year, but one of the events which interest her every week is a letter from her son, William T., which never fails. Last week, however, this son decided to drop in for a visit with his aged mother and young brother, instead of sending his regular weekly letter.

William H. Colte was a young man when he left White Plains in 1877 to follow Horace Greeley's advice about going West. He prospected for several years, and ultimately settled in De Witt, Arkansas, where is is now the owner of a prosperous rice and cotton plantation. He came to Chicago last week to buy a steam pump for irrigation purposes, and while there decided to come on to White Plains for a visit with his mother and brother. He returned to the West Wednesday.

TRANSPORTS PRISONERS IN AUTOMOBILES.

New System of Conveying Convicted Men From New York City to Sing Sing Institution.

Sheriff Griffenhagen of New York County last week tried out a plan of transporting his prisoners from the Tombs to Sing Sing Prison by auto bus, and so well pleased is he with the project that he will try to make the new arrangement permanent.

Recently complaints were made by the Ossining authorities that prisoners were paraded from the railroad station to the prison and that the curious made the thing objectionable. The auto bus will eliminate much of this and the Sheriff says the new arrangement is cheaper.

An automobile concern interested in the Sheriff's plan furnished the van for the trip. It was a cage of steel with room for fourteen prisoners and four guards. The conveyance was backed into the Tombs yard at 9.45 o'clock a. m., and went out a little later with the load of prisoners. Four prisoners, handcuffed together, sat on each of the two long seats. The cage was locked with a heavy padlock and in a separate compartment rode Deputy Sheriff Miller and three guards. Sheriff Griffenhagen followed the van in his own automobile.

A brief stop was made at Headquarters, where the fingerprints and Bertillon measurements were taken, and then began an uninterrupted run to Sing Sing, the Sheriff leading the way in his car. The direct route to Sing Sing is about forty-two miles from Headquarters, but there was one detour which made the total distance forty-eight miles. It required just two hours and five minutes to go from Police Headquarters to Sing Sing. The best estimate that the Sheriff had made was two and a half hours.

Sheriff Griffenhagen said "This is what I call practical transportation of prisoners. It is safe and sane and just twice as cheap as the service we are now maintaining. In my budget next month I will include an item of $2,400 for a special automobile bus. The bus I want will be a little larger han the one we used today, big enough to transport twenty prisoners at one time. If the Board of Estimate grants the request I can discard the three horses which my office now maintains, and also the harness and other equipment. I shall ask for one chauffeur to take the place of the driver and assistant driver we now have. The total cost of the outfit will be about $1,600. After the new service is established the maintenance cost will be cut in two.

"This service," he continued, "will apply, of course, to the Blackwell's Island prisoners as well as to the Sing Sing prisoners. We will be able to do all our hauling in three days of each week."

The eight prisoners who set the precedent in transportation "up the river" admired the scenery on the way and said they wished the trip were longer.

THINKS "BECKY" EDELSON FAKES HUNGER STRIKE.

Commissioner Davis Does Not Believe She Has Had Nothing To Eat.

"If Reba had been fasting these ninety-six hours she wouldn't be able to walk. I know that, and I am now convinced that she has been getting food ever since she went to the Island. I know positively that she sucked a lemon yesterday. I guess there will be no forcible feeding. Anybody that is as healthy and in such good spirits as this girl doesn't need to be fed."

That's the way Commissioner of Correction Katharine B. Davis summed up on Friday her opinion of Reba Edelson's alleged hunger strike. The youthful anarchist had just left the mess hall with the other women. So far as any one observed she ate nothing while at the table, but Miss Davis thinks that if Reba were a bona fide hunger striker and really wanted to starve for the 'cause" she wouldn't even sit at the table.

CHAMPIONS DEFEATED

In Best Played Game of Season Lakesides Out-Batted Pleasantville.

TO PLAY SOUTH SALEM

Filled with the hope to land the league pennant in our midst before the end of the season, the Lakesides succeeded in lowering the percentage of the leaders by sending the fast traveling Pleasantville team home with the short end of a three to one score. Certainly Lakeside field was the scene of much action and the offensive and defensive team work of our boys brought joy to the hearts of our many loyal rooters.

Lent, as usual, pitched a masterly game, and was ably backed up by his mates. He tightened up in the pinches and he was entitled to a shut out

The locals were the first to tally when in the second inning a base on balls, stolen base and single enabled George Miller to cross the much coveted plate. The Lakesides scored the other two runs in the next frame.

Gregory singled and stole second. Dennis caught one of Schmelke's curves on his elbow and sturdy Jack Miller connected with the pill for three sacks, permitting the former two to offer their contributions to the cause of the anxious, watchful, waiting public. An error and a single gave Thorn the opportunity to present his team mates with their lone tally in the fourth stanza The best the visitors could do thereafter was to die on the bases.

Cummins, the newly signed player befriended himself with the boys and the public by his fast and clever work in the outfield. His playing killed several chances for the Pleasantville boys to score. He made a wonderful catch of a foul fly which set the grand stand in an uproar.

Although the victory did not give us a place nearer the top of the bunch it nevertheless pulled down the leaders and another game may give us the place of honor. Once, there our boys are resolved never to vacate.

The box score follows:

Katonah

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Searles 1b	4	0	0	11	0	1
Gregory ss	3	1	2	1	6	1
Marler c	3	0	0	6	2	0
Dennis 2b	3	1	0	2	0	1
J. Miller cf	5	0	2	1	0	0
G Miller 3b	2	1	0	1	1	0
Cummins rf	2	0	1	3	0	0
Wanser, lf	3	0	1	1	0	0
Lent p	3	0	0	1	4	0
	28	3	6	27	13	3

Pleasantville.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Staip ss	5	0	1	1	3	1
Thorn 2b	3	1	1	3	3	0
Banks 3b	4	0	3	0	1	0
Gibbs lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Schmelke p	4	0	0	1	4	0
Bond cf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Myers c	4	0	2	8	1	0
McClure 1b	3	0	0	7	0	0
Davidson rf	4	0	2	1	0	0
	35	1	9	24	12	1

Pleasantville	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—1
Katonah	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	x	—3

Stolen bases, Searles, Gregory 2; G. Miller, Cummin, Davidson

Two base hits, J Miller, Banks.

Three base hits, J. Miller.

Sacrifice hits, Cummin, McClure

Sacrifice fly, G. Miller

Hit by pitcher, Dennis.

Bases on balls, off Lent 1; off Schmelke 4.

Struck out, by Lent 5; by Schmelke 6.

Time of game two hours and five minutes.

Umpire, Mr. John Carver.

Scorer, Peter Noe, Jr.

SOUTH SALEM VS. KATONAH.

The open date in the league schedule, has given Captain Winants and his husky bunch of South Salem ball tossers the opportunity they have wished for for the last three years. They have waited long and patiently to test their skill in a battle against a real league team and Manager Barrett of the Lakesides has given the athletes from the inland town next Saturday to prove their superiority or inferiority in the skill of the national game.

The visitors are coming prepared to take our scalp and the entire population of South Salem is coming by auto, by wagon, and on foot to cheer for their favorites, and also incidentally to cast their eyes and to express their views upon the skillful manoeuvres and tactics of the far-famed Lakesides, the coming league champions.

Come early ye rooters, so that the grand stand may be filled to its full capacity when the umpire shouts—

"Play Ball!"

SUFFRAGE MEETINGS

Enthusiastic Gatherings Hear Woman's Rights Discussed in Four Villages.

BANNER CROWD HERE

It may be that all do not agree with the ideas of Woman's Suffrage but it is quite certain from the attendance at the series of meetings in the northern villages on Saturday last that nearly all are willing to listen to the arguments of the earnest women striving for the success of the cause. They were greeted by large crowds in each village and by respectful attention and much enthusiasm

The first meeting was held at Chappaqua at 3 o'clock in front of Hildenbrandt's grocery store. Rev. Mr Barnes spoke and made a telling plea for women's rights. Miss Bird scored a point by reminding the assemblage that the Friends are not disfranchised because they will not fight.

At Mount Kisco the meeting was held on the green near the station Col. J. Y Culyer was there and helped to make the meeting a success. Mrs Scribner was in the front row and a telegram was received from Mrs. John Henry Hammond expressing her regret at not being home to be present. Miss McPike's witty speech kept the crowd in gales of laughter.

At Bedford Hills the meeting on the Methodist Church lawn was well attended and much enthusiasm prevailed.

The most enthusiastic meeting was held at Katonah in the evening on the lawn near the store of Kellogg & Mead. Mrs. Lent presided and the speakers were Miss Lucilla Bird, of Chappaqua, prominent in the work of the Christian Endeavor Society of the County and of the Society of Friends, Miss Annie Hutchinson, a professional violinist, of New York City; Miss Sara McPike, of Yonkers

The Suffragists are grateful for the exceptional kindness they received from the many individuals who assisted in making the meetings a success The Mt. Kisco Drum Corps furnished music at the meetings.

WILL PAY OVERLOOKED TRANSFER TAX.

The heirs of the late Mrs Mary H Agnew, some of whom live in the Town of North Castle, near Armonk, will pay a goodly sum in transfer tax which was overlooked when the appraisals were made.

Although a transfer tax was paid in 1902 on the estate of Mary H. Agnew, who died in 1899, a report was filed last week showing that $1,962,812 of her estate which was subject to a tax escaped notice at the time. This sum is the present value of a trust fund set apart by Mrs. Agnew, from which she had the income for life and on her death it went in equal shares to her children, former Senator George B. Agnew, Cornelius R. Agnew, Catherine S. Auchincloss and Alice A. Fisher, who received $475,412 each At the time the fund was created it amounted to only $500,000 and was one-quarter of the estate Mrs. Agnew received from her father, George Bliss. Counsel for the Agnew estate brought the trust fund to the attention of the transfer tax authorities.

REPUBLICAN DELEGATES IN MEETING MONDAY.

County Chairman William L Ward met in the Republican County Committee headquarters on Monday, the delegates chosen to represent Westchester at the unofficial state convention in Saratoga on August 18.

There was a large attendance, practically all of the delegates being present An exchange of views was had, and Mr. Ward stated what he knew about the political situation now existing in the state.

Mr. Ward added that the Saratoga convention would take no action as to candidates, and that its object was to formulate the party platform and afford an opportunity for the interchange of views among Republicans as to the platform and party policy.

FIREMEN ACTIVE

Katonah's Department Planning for New Apparatus and Uniforms.

TO CHANGE WATER MAIN

At the last meeting of the Katonah Fire Department, much discussion was indulged in which it is hoped will result in much benefit to Katonah and to the efficiency of the company.

H. W. Kellogg gave a very interesting statement of his labors with Mr Whitman and the engineer of the Water Company in the matter of establishing a fire district, enlarging the present 4 inch water main to 8 inches and other matters pertaining to the general efficiency of fire fighting facilities. A committee was appointed to study the matter and its report at the next meeting should be of great interest.

The proposition for the purchase of a chemical engine was brought up by Lewis W Elliott who showed that he had given the matter careful study. He spoke of methods of raising funds, the benefits thereof, both to the immediate village and to the surrounding territory Mr Elliott was continued as a committee to report further at the next meeting

The matter of new uniforms was brought up by D J Smith, who called attention to their need by the local boys and to the fact that very few companies in the state were lacking in this feature of equipment and to the prestige it would give the company among neighboring companies A committee is to report later on the matter.

The nature and amount of business to be transacted at the next meeting will undoubtedly see every member of the department present as a great amount of interest has been aroused by the several important propositions to come before the members.

MRS. REID GETS BIG SUM FROM FATHERS ESTATE.

Wife of Late Ambassador and Her Brother Each Get $17,661,507.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mills Reid, widow of the late Whitelaw Reid, of Ophir Farm Westchester Avenue, the late ambassador to England, receives $17,661,507 from the estate of her father, Darius Ogden Mills, who died January 3, 1910. He left an estate of $35,723,015, according to the transfer tax appraisal filed last week by Percival E. Nagle with Edward W. Buckley, Deputy State Comptroller

Ogden Mills, Mrs Reid's brother receives a sum equal to her own and with the exception of $100,000 to public institutions, they get the whole estate.

The bequests to institutions were $100,000 each to the Methopolitan Museum of Art, the American Museum of Natural History and the Home for Incurables, $50,000 to the New York Botanical Gardens, $25,000 each to the American Geographical Society and the American National Red Cross.

Mr Nagle declared exempt from taxation gifts of $1,000,000 each to the son and daughter on Christmas Day, 1909, eight days before the death of Mr. Mills It was apparent from testimony before the appraiser that Mr Mills formed a custom of presenting $1,000,000 to each of his children each Christmas and that the last gift was not made in anticipation of death in an effort to avoid the payent of a transfer tax

The debts left by Mr. Mills totalled to only $28,622, and the total deductions from the estate were but $813,776. The largest debts were rent of No. 634 Fifth Avenue, $8,437; due the University of California for astronomical expedition, $6,675 and to Mrs. Elizabeth Mills Reid $8,000. The commissions to the son and daughter as executors amounted to $731,115, expenses of administration $50,000 and the funeral, $3,057.

JAMES M. HOWE CRITICALLY ILL.

James R. Howe is critically ill in his summer home, at Salem Center, N. Y. He is seventy-five years old, and because of his age, physicians do not expect his recovery. Mr. Howe represented the Sixth New York district in Congress two terms. He gave $50,000 of his fees as Registrar of Kings County for an equestrian statue of George Washington on the Williamsburg Bridge Plaza.

HARLEM VALLEY ROADS GOOD

Auto Club of America Says Section Furnishes Good Traveling for Tourists.

ALL OF WESTCHESTER GARDEN SPOT

This section of Westchester County and in fact all of the territory in the county attract many auto tourists now and the Bureau of Tours of the Automobile Club of America says of the various routes for autoists:

The Harlem Valley route to the Berkshires will afford the best available conditions at the present time. There are alternate routes to Pawling, both of which afford very satisfactory conditions.

One of these is by way of White Plains, Armonk, Bedford, Cross River, North Salem to Peach Lake. It is all state road to this point; then there is a short stretch of dirt road from the Westchester-Putnam County line to East Branch Reservoir. Then at Sodom, state road is again encountered which is in good condition through Pawling and Wingdale to South Dover.

The alternate route to Pawling is by way of Briarcliff, Lake Mahopac, Carmel and Patterson This is also state road with the exception of about two miles in the vicinity of Lake Mahopac A dirt road in fair condition leads from South Dover to Wassaic. State road connects Wassaic to Amenia and from this point the direct road by way of Millerton, Lakeville, Salisbury and South Edgemont will afford the best available conditions by way of Great Barrington, Stockbridge, Lenox to Pittsfield

From Pittsfield the roads are good to Williamstown From this point, the best road to the White Mountains is by way of Manchester ,Wallingford and Mt Holly to Woodstock From this point go through Hanover and Woodsville to Twin Mountain and Bretton Woods

On the Albany Post Road between New York and Albany, there are at present five detours necessary on account of construction; otherwise the conditions are good

The first of these detours is at Scarboro The best way to avoid the work is to go by way of Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley Briarcliff, Yorktown Heights and then run west to Peekskill. North of Peekskill the road is still under construction to Fishkill Village and it is best to go by way of Garrison, then turn right and continue on the state road to Fishkill Village.

From Fishkill Village through Wappingers Falls to Poughkeepsie, the road is in good condition with the exception of the last five miles which is now being resurfaced, but no detour is necessary. On the road from Poughkeepsie to Hudson a detour is necessary from Livingston to Hudson. The next detour is from Stottsville by way of Stuyvesant Falls to Kinderhook

An increasing number of complaints is being received from various places in the vicinity of New York where the officers are extremely exacting in the performance of their duties of enforcing regulations against excessive speed, muffler cut-out, approaching trolley stops, etc.

On Boston Post Road, special officers are stationed along at various points They are active on Saturdays and Sundays and other days when a large amount of traffic is expected.

Between Greenwich and Stamford it is reported that six or eight men have been out at various times for the apprehension of the law breakers This also applies to other towns along the road, including Stratford, Fairfield, Bridgeport, a complaint was made of activity in Mamaroneck which was the cause of correspondence with the Chief of Police; this letter elicited the following from the village clerk "Your letter addressed to the Chief of Police was presented and read at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Village, and I was instructed to write you and state that any automobile passing through the Village of Mamaroneck at a moderate rate of speed will not be molested It is only those who drive at a speed greater than the law allows that are stopped by our motor-cycle police officer."

LOCAL DOCTORS ON COUNTY MEDICAL BOARD.

Drs. Coopernail, Briggs and Chapman Among Those Appointed to Staff for County Alms House Hospital.

The new medical board and the visiting and consulting staff for the County Alms House Hospital at East View, made up of physicians from all parts of the county, have been announced.

The men who will serve on these boards, as announced by the County Superintendent of Poor, V. Everitt Macy, have been selected after a consultation of several of the doctors of the county.

The physicians on the Medical Board are, Dr. W. E. Russell, of Tarrytown, chairman; Dr. C. W. Fairchild, of Tarrytown, secretary, Dr. A E. Chace, of Tarrytown, Dr George P. Coopernail, of Bedford Village, Dr Henry Moffat and Dr. S. E. Getty, of Yonkers, and Dr. H. E. Smith, of Mount Vernon.

After holding several meetings at East View, inspecting the hospitals and discussing the work to be carried on, the board nominated men for the two staffs. The following doctors have accepted appointment on the visiting staff: Dr. George P. Coopernail, surgeon, of Bedford Village; Dr. B. H. Belcher, of Yonkers; Dr. A. E Chace, surgeon, of Tarrytown, Dr J. F. Black, surgeon, of White Plains, Dr. E. G Littell, physician, of Yonkers; Dr. F. R. Lyman, physician, of Hastings; Dr. E F Briggs, physician, of Bedford Hills; Dr. C W Fairchild, physician, of Tarrytown

Members of the visiting staff serve for three months continuously. This staff is made up of men living near enough to the hospitals to attend frequently They are now engaged in their work

The doctors on the consulting staff are Dr S E Getty, surgeon, of Yonkers, Dr. Charles Ogilvy, orthopedic surgeon, of New Rochelle; Dr. William J. Vogeler, physician to the municipal tubercular hospital, Yonkers, Dr Ervin Torok, ophthamologist, of Tarrytown, Dr. G A Peck, physician, of New Rochelle, Dr. Alex Snowden, physician, of Peekskill; Dr Charles F Chapman, gynecologist, of Mount Kisco; Dr H Von Wedel, pathologist, of Dobbs Ferry, Dr. J. L Kelly, dental surgeon, of New York City; Dr. H. H. Forbes, nose and throat specialist, of New York City, Dr. H. R. Charlton, specialist in children's diseases, of Bronxville

FELIX WARBURG'S HORSES TAKE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Felix M. Warburg's black pair, Woodlands Emperor and Woodlands Empress were declared champions among the horses not exceeding 15.2 hands at the Long Branch horse show Saturday.

Louis M Newgass won in the larger class with his stately big pair, Elegant and Elegance, winners of several blues in single and double harness.

Mr Warburg won a blue ribbon that was worth something when his all black team carried off first prize in the class for four-in-hands. Five teams were shown — a remarkably large class for these days—and they were slashing goers, one and all.

Among them was B. F. S. Gregory's famous fast trotting team that won the Arrowhead Challenge Cup at the last National Horse Show. Morris E. Howlett drove them, and such an exhibition as they made under the skillful handling has seldom if ever been equalled at Hollywood Park. The judges placed them third, giving the red ribbon to Gregory's black park four driven by Charles J. Barrie.

Emil Seelig's bay team "Jack" Keough driving, was fourth. George P. Finnegan's snappy little park team, driven by J. F. Manning, completed the field.