

Hooker Acquitted.

Assembly Votes 76 to 69 Against His Removal.

The result was generally expected and predicted. Hooker was grilled in the summing up. Question, prosecution said, was as to his moral fitness for the bench.

Albany, July 20.—The resolutions for the removal of Supreme Justice Hooker were defeated in the Assembly today, the vote standing, Ayes 69, noes, 69.

A hundred votes were needed to have the resolution passed. The summing up was concluded yesterday and all that remained to do today was to vote. Frederick C. Stevens, representing the James-town Bar Association, accused Justice Hooker of fraudulent practices in attempting to have appointed to the Fredonia postoffice persons for whom there was no work. He referred to employees in that office, appointed at the request of Justice Hooker, who drew salaries from the Government but performed no service.

"If it has come," he said, "to the proposition that an American citizen anxious for the welfare of his country can stand up and assist in looting the Government revenue, and say that it is of no interest to him whether the appointments are needed, that he seeks that that is somebody else's business, and he would shift that responsibility on to the Government, then I say we are in such a bad way that things need changing very seriously."

Justice Hooker persisted under this attack. At one time he left the room and paced the corridor behind the chamber. He sat through, however, every minute of the three-hour speech made by Lewis E. Carr, his counsel, who followed Mr. Stevens. Mr. Carr assailed the attorney for the James-town bar. He accused him of wanting to oust Justice Hooker from office for the purpose of getting the place for himself.

Mr. Carr contended that the constitutional provision for removal for cause was never intended to meet a case where there was any uncertainty because of the commission of crime, to hold office. He denied the right of the Legislature to remove Justice Hooker, except by impeachment.

In winding up the argument for the prosecution, Henry B. Cowan, counsel for the Legislature said: "Justice Hooker is not being tried here for fraud or for conspiracy or for procuring an infamous judgment against the city of Dunkirk. The question which you are here to determine is, is Judge Hooker a morally fit person to hold this position. It is not necessary that a judge should commit crime before he is removed from office. Even if you should determine that no crime has been committed by Justice Hooker, it would be your duty to say upon the evidence that he has been involved in certain transactions, whether he is or is not a fit person to sit upon the bench of one of the greatest courts in the land, and to hold in his hands and control the lives, the liberty and the property of the people of this State."

Gov. Higgins Thursday sent a special message to the Legislature which will permit the appointment of a joint legislative committee to be between now and the next regular session of the Legislature, which meets in January, to investigate the field of life insurance, and to report and recommend to the next Legislature such proposed legislation as may be adequate and proper to restore public confidence and to compel life insurance companies to conduct a safe, honest and open business for the benefit of their policyholders.

The message from the Governor was entirely unexpected and was

not known to a dozen leaders before it was being read. The resolution carrying out the Governor's recommendations was unanimously adopted by both houses and the following senators were named on the investigating committee: Armstrong, republican of Rochester, Tully, republican of Corning, and Rfordan, democrat of New York. Five members will be appointed from the Assembly.

When the Assembly reconvened in the afternoon it passed a bill appropriating \$30,000 for the expenses of the extra session and Governor Higgins signed it. An appropriation of \$50,000 for the expenses of the investigation into life insurance company methods was also made.

Keep Away From Trees.

The worst thing that can be done during an electrical rainstorm is to seek shelter under a tree. Warning against the danger of this practice have been frequent and numerous, yet it happens every little while that lightning striking trees, finds human beings huddled there and leaves them dead or badly hurt. No less than 25 persons were shocked by an electrical discharge from the clouds which they had sought shelter from a downpour recently.

A tall tree is the best kind of a conductor, especially when its leaves and branches are wet. And when lightning comes down a tree, the escape of any one standing under it from serious injury is rare. If one is caught in a rainstorm with lightning accompaniment in places where no shelter within a building is available it is best to remain in the open, though one becomes drenched. Proximity to trees in such a time means danger. Proximity to a solitary tree means greater danger.—Exchange.

Women May Vote at School Elections

The annual school meetings in districts where trustees are elected will be held Tuesday, August 1. In view of this fact, the State Women's Suffrage association has sent out circulars to its branches defining under what conditions women may vote for school trustee, and on money appropriation. The conditions are two: First, a woman who is the parent or guardian of children who have attended school eight weeks the preceding year. Second, one who pays taxes on \$50 personal property or owns or rents taxable property.

A Friend of Cats and Dogs.

Lockport, N. Y., July 20.—After all my just and lawful debts are paid I decree that the sum of \$5000 be paid my only child, Dora E. Kneware. All the residue I decree to the founding of a home for homeless dogs and cats, the best use I deem that money can be put to. I ask that the surrogate appoint a commission to see that this object of my will is carried out. The above is the substance of the will of Ellen J. Kneware, who died at La Salle, June 20, leaving an estate of \$45,000.

The Wonderful Telephone.

When the fire bell was ringing in Hudson about 10 o'clock Thursday morning the Hudson Republican office was in communication with New York over the long distance telephone line. The man who was at the New York end of the line abruptly broke in with, "Say, I hear the fire alarm bell ringing." He was right, and gave the correct number of the box.

A Street Fair.

Hudson is to have a street fair the second week in August to be held under the direction of the Hudson base ball association.

Old Lady Passenger on Empire State Express (Anxiously)—Does this train stop at New York?

Brakeman (cheerfully) Well, if it don't make you see the biggest smashup you ever heard of. Clipped.

Fair Devoies—I don't see any way to raise our church debt, except to have a lottery.

Mistake (shooked)—That will never have any sanction, madam, never unless you call it by some other name. New York Weekly.

THE WICK-A-WEEK COURIER.

Suicide at Lake Queechy.

Mrs. Fay Maxon of Chatham, Ends Her Life by Hanging.

Her Body Found by Her Husband--Had Been in Failing Health for Some Time.

Thursday afternoon the shocking intelligence reached Chatham that Mrs. Fay Maxon had ended her life about 9:30 o'clock a. m. by hanging. Mr. Maxon is one of eight Chathamites who own summer cottages on the banks of Lake Queechy at the lower end of the lake and it is there that he and his wife and little daughter have spent the greater portion of the summer. The construction of a small barn at the rear of the cottage is nearly completed and it was in the stable portion of this building that the unfortunate woman put an end to her existence. About one and one-half hours previous she and her little daughter, aged about three years formed a portion of a merry group of Chathamites in the vicinity of the cottages and she was apparently in her usually good spirits. After the group dispersed, she was seen to enter the barn. The little girl ran to accompany her but in obedience to the mother's bidding, returned to the cottage. A short time afterward, on entering the barn, Mr. Maxon was horrified to find the half prostrate form of his wife on the stable floor with a noose about her neck. It appears that she had fastened a piece of small rope or cord to one of the timbers, fashioned a noose in the end, placed it about her neck and then stooped forward in such a manner that the pressure of her neck against the cord accomplished strangulation. After she became unconscious, her body fell and broke the rope. When she was found, a portion of it was still about her neck and a portion was hanging from the timber.

Mr. Maxon immediately gave the alarm and the other cottagers came flocking to the scene and various methods of resuscitation were attempted but all without effect. A telephone message was sent to Chatham for Dr. E. O. Maxon Jr., who hurried to the scene but he found that life had been extinct for some time. Pending his arrival Mr. Maxon harnessed his horse for the purpose of going to Canaan Four Corners for a physician and on the road met Dr. Allen of Albany who was taken to the cottage and administered several restoratives but with no success.

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During the past few months she had not been in robust health and at times was melancholy and dependent and this condition, in a measure, if not entirely, probably led to her suicide.

She was married about four years ago and is survived by her husband, little daughter, father, mother and one brother. The three latter residing with Carol Daley, with whom she made her home previous to her marriage. She possessed

a very large circle of friends with whom she was exceedingly popular and the shocking news of her death was received by them with the most profound sorrow and a sympathy much too deep for expression in words is extended to the near and dear ones who survive her. Her age was 24 years.

The funeral will be held Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the St. James' church in this village, burial in St. James' cemetery.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Barn of Nicholas Pulver Near Spencertown, Totally Destroyed in Wednesday's Shower.

The heavy shower that passed over this section Wednesday afternoon resulted in the burning of a large barn belonging to Nicholas Pulver near Spencertown. Stock and most of the farm tools were saved. Seven loads of rye, three tons of hay, barrow, bob sleighs, stalk cutter, plows, etc., were burned. The loss on contents is fully covered by insurance. The barn was also insured for \$800 in the Grange insurance company. Mr. Smith who had been repairing the roof of the barn had descended to the ground about five minutes before the lightning bolt struck and considers himself exceedingly fortunate in his escape.

Injured at Niverville.

A lad about 15 years of age, giving his name as Benjamin Greenburg, of Yorkers, while stealing a ride on a freight train at Niverville Wednesday, was caught between two of the "Jumbo" type of coal cars and was severely squeezed. He was taken to the Albany hospital where his injuries were found to be quite serious. A short time before his injury he was endeavoring to sell, in Niverville, a number of rings which he claimed to have found.

Barn Burned Near Niverville.

A barn about one mile from Niverville, owned by a Poland named Sobfeskie, was burned during the electrical storm of Wednesday. It contained his entire rye crop and a portion of the hay he was harvesting.

Dreamland, the new pleasure resort between Albany and Troy was a failure and has been closed with a chattel mortgage of \$13,000 on it.

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Herbert Fingar spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fingar.

Prof. F. J. Sazendorph, who has spent his vacation at the homestead, started for Wisconsin, Saturday, to join his family, who are guests of Mrs. Sazendorph's father at Booneville, Mo.

The missionary meeting was largely attended at the home of Mrs. Clarence Kittle, Thursday afternoon.

Edward R. Engel is adding a saw and planing mill to his well equipped grist mill.

Attorney Wilson Tipple and wife, of Brooklyn, were Sunday visitors at Mrs. Tipple's father, Peter Engle.

CANAAN

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SOUTH SCHODACK

The young people are to give a party play entitled "A Business Meeting" in the hall also pantomimes on Wednesday evening July 26. Admission 35c which will include cake and cream. Proceeds for the Christian Endeavor Society.

MOUNT LEBANON.

Life on the Mount These Summer Days.

"Hustle", well describes the life at the Mount these summer days. Fruit matures rapidly. Bushels of cherries and currants are handled daily by the sitters in the pleasant "verandah" where, in the little circle busily sorting the crimson treasures, mingle representatives of several different professions besides numerous lights of the domestic circle. Bro. Charles J. McLaughlin makes daily trips to Pittsfield, finding good market for the crates of fruit. In the midst of the rush, many find odd minutes to steal away to grove and ravine enjoying Nature's cool and fascinating receptions.

Carriage touring would seem to be a favorite method of vacationizing, to judge by the frequency of such tourists at the North Family, this summer. A party of five, parents and children, lunched here, one afternoon and the same night two women friends found shelter under our roof. The latter, one from South Carolina and one from Washington, D. C., were driving their own nag. It was their first peep at Shakerdom and they seemed to enjoy it right well.

A demi-tragedy on Our Lost Queen might be written from the walls and imaginings of our bee partners over the non-appearance of a queen bee sent for a month ago. Her majesty appeared, however, in Saturday's mail and a raid was immediately organized by our indefatigables on Hiveland. "Those bees," remarked an observing brother, "never have one minute's peace!"

A letter recently received from our friend of last summer, Vera Johnston, wife of Charles Johnston the writer, and niece of Mme. Blavatsky, tells of a summer's task in sorting and editing for publication a large collection of the letters of her distinguished relative. Our friend, connected with a prominent Russian family, had a hard experience—the sorrow of those who, in a foreign land watch Fate's shifting shuttles ply the historic fabric of home and native land, while they listen to the shouting of kindred in battles far away. We shall not soon forget her plea, while in our midst last summer, for a kindlier feeling toward her people.

Brother Henry Nichols is actively assisting in the development of the Peace Convention now booked for August 31. Among the many letters received, is one from Cardinal Gibbons, who writes as follows to Sister Amanda Deyo, of the Shaker invitation to attend the Peace convention. "While it will be impossible for me to be present, owing to other engagements, I am in sympathy with their intentions and hope that success will follow their efforts." Among the speakers expected are William Barnes, Sr., of Albany and Altra Love, president of the Universal Peace Union.

Prof. John C. Kenworthy, after a brief visit at Mount Lebanon, during which he made an address or two on his observations add discoveries in his tour through the west, has returned to his English home. We judge that his American experience has not been altogether satisfactory.

The work of remodeling and steel flooring a part of the stone barn, which was being pushed rapidly toward completion, has been held up by the failure of the manufacturers to furnish on time the steel girders. Meanwhile, the hay harvest is being rapidly accomplished.

The Ministry Sisters, who for a week past have been enjoying an outing at Ocean Grove, attended service Sabbath morning and gave an interesting account of the meeting of the National Educational Association, many of whose sessions they attended. Eldress Harriet Bullard particularly was impressed and delighted by the discussion of the necessity of non-sectarian, non-creedal, but true religious training in the schools. They leave for Fairfield, Conn., this week.

A most enjoyable visit was had on Monday of last week with Sister Ella Winship and two young sisters from Waterville. The young sisters from this parent society of Shakers, in their visits to Mount Lebanon, impress all who meet them with

their earnest, single-hearted devotion and simplicity—a true Shaker goodness and sincerity which is not ashamed of the name and calling of a Shaker.

The friends who wish to enjoy the famous vegetarian dinners at the North Family are requested, when possible, to announce, by telephone or otherwise, the day and hour of their coming. To forewarn is to be fed.

STUYVESANT.

Rev. George C. Ylesley, of Hudson, preached two excellent strong sermons in the Reformed church last Sunday.

Mrs. Ann M. Harder, wife of the late George I. Harder, died last week at the age of 85. Her husband died last August at the same age. They had been married 62 years and lived in one house the most of the time. They had always enjoyed good health and were of the old substantial stock, having lived pure, simple, industrious lives. They were good supporters of the Reformed church, of which they were faithful members.

Dr. Pomeroy and his wife start on a trip on the 20th, expecting to visit Thousand Islands, then the St. Lawrence river to Montreal from thence to Quebec and return via the Adirondacks.

Thomas Bros. are surveying the river with the view of getting the channel open so as to let in the Albany, Catskill and Newburgh boats.

Christopher Stackman is moving in the Hotaling house which he has purchased.

The dry weather is doing much damage to gardens and fields.

GREEN RIVER.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred French and two children, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. Dunn, have returned to their home in Springfield.

Mrs. John Van Hoesen arrived at her home last week. She spent several months at her old home in Baltimore.

Mrs. Alexander Bills still remains quite feeble.

Julia Dunn spent a portion of last week with her sister, Mrs. John Murphy, who resides at Richmond.

It is rumored that George Brame will sell his farm to New York parties.

Miss Carrie Harvey received a gift of a piano last week from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harvey.

Parties from Springfield are spending an indefinite time at the American House.

HILLSDALE.

Wm. Wilson, of Brooklyn, is spending a few days at the Hillsdale House.

Last Sunday a party of 14 made a trip to the Catskills, going to Hudson by auto, the rest of the way by boat and rail. A very pleasant time reported.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cannon are spending a week with relatives in Auburn, N. Y.

Leslie Hunt suffered sun stroke while working in the hay field on Monday of this week. He is improving.

Several young people of this place went to Copake Lake for a straw ride on Tuesday evening last.

NEW LEBANON

Miss Anna Shyn was at the House of Mercy the past week for the removal of enlarged tonsils.

Miss Spencer returns the last of the week from Saratoga Springs.

Miss Ethel Wright has spent two months in Springfield, has now returned home. Arthur Wright accompanied her.

SPENCERTOWN

Dr. M. M. Kittle was in town Thursday.

Charles Tracy took 17 bushels of peas over to Housatonic, Mass., on Tuesday.

Miss Smith has purchased a new runabout wagon.

Geo. McLaughlin of Killee Kill has some very choice young stock and dry cows pastured at Sara N. Stever's.