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## NEW TEACHERS PENSION LAW

### Governor Glynn Signs Measure of Interest to Instructors of County.

### SUPT. COVEY HELPED TO FRAME BILL

The bill containing the amendments to the law governing the Westchester County Teachers' Pension Fund was signed by Governor Glynn on Tuesday of last week. These amendments were prepared by a committee of four—Dr. Dunbar, of Peekskill, President of the Board of Trustees of the Pension Fund; C. H. Cheney, of White Plains, Secretary of the Pension Board, Dr. McAndrew, of Mamaroneck and Mr. Covey, of Katonah—the two latter representing the Westchester County Teachers' Association.

Under the original law joining the Pension Association was optional with the teachers but under the present amendments all teachers must be members. Heretofore trustees and Boards of Education were required to deduct one half of one per cent. from the November and March salaries and forward the amount to the County Treasurer. Hereafter the amount will be deducted by the Commissioner of Education and forwarded to the County Treasurer.

Trustees and Boards of Education may deduct the amount from the teacher's salary at the close of the term of office. Under the original law teachers could demand retirement at the close of twenty-five years of service. They may request it from the Pension Board but the time of retirement is discretionary with the Board.

By an amendment to the State Law time taught in Westchester County may be counted as service under the State Pension Act.

### MASONS OF STATE WILL MEET MAY 5.

#### Matters of Interest Will Be Transacted When Grand Lodge Convenes in New York.

The 133d annual communication of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, will open in Masonic Hall, West 24th Street, New York City, Tuesday, May 5, at 2 o'clock. The communication will last three days, and action on matters of much interest to the 180,000 Masons in the Charles Smith, of Oneonta, has nominated will be taken. Grand Master inated the following for trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum fund. George J. Jackson and William A. Bowen, of New York City; Edward M. Fethers of East Springfield; Charles H. Armatage, of Albany.

The Masonic Hall in New York City, and the Asylum at Utica are owned by the fraternity of the entire state, and represent an investment of \$4,000,000, on which there is an indebtedness. Grand Master Smith, in trying to clear the property, has raised voluntary contributions from the lodges amounting to \$150,000. It is expected that this will be greatly increased at the Grand Lodge sessions and the property relieved of debt.

The master of each of the 325 lodges in the 42 districts of the state will attend the convention.

The Katonah Tennis Club held a meeting last week at which plans were discussed and preparations made for the building of a court on the city property across the tracks from the depot. A permit from the city authorities has been secured and the work of construction will be started very shortly. The officers of the club are Dr. Williams, president, Glenn Packer, treasurer, A. Elliott Kellogg, secretary. Executive committee, Rev. G. P. Payson, B. K. Conover, L. S. Brady. Finance committee, W. H. Cargon, Mr. Payson, Chas. P. Kennedy. Ladies' Committee Mrs. Dr. Carpenter, Mrs. A. S. Avery, Miss Ethel Green. The finance committee was empowered to solicit funds to carry on the work and the various committees are showing much enthusiasm in perfecting the plans for the carrying out of the work and a prosperous club and a fine equipment will no doubt result.

### TO ERECT TABLET TO OLD COMRADES.

#### J. T. Lockwood, of White Plains, To Honor Katonah Members of Co. A, 4th Artillery.

At a recent meeting of McKeel Post, G. A. R., of Katonah, Comrade Jeremiah T. Lockwood, White Plains, exhibited a copy of the tablet which he will erect to the memory of Captain McKeel. The unveiling of the tablet will take place on Memorial Day, May 30. The ceremonies will be in charge of the Katonah Village Improvement Society, which has selected the site and prepared the foundations upon which the tablet will be placed.

The tablet will contain the names of the men from Katonah, who enlisted in Company A, of the Fourth Heavy Artillery of New York, and who, when they were going away to war, pledged that they would be comrades until death. If any one was killed in battle his comrades saw to it that the remains were shipped home. Mr. Lockwood was a member of this company and there are still a few survivors from Katonah. These, together with those who have passed away, will have their names inscribed on the memorial.

The memorial service of McKeel Post will be held in the Methodist Church, Katonah, on Sunday, May 24. Memorial exercises will also be held on Memorial Day.

### REFUSED TO DISMISS KENNEDY INDICTMENTS.

#### Will Be Tried at White Plains on May 4.

Justice Morschauer sitting at Newburgh Saturday refused to hear argument on the application for the dismissal of the indictments against John S. Kennedy, former warden of Sing Sing Prison and Lyman S. Gibbs, formerly storekeeper at the prison.

The Court held that the argument should be made at trial term of court in the county where the indictments were tryable and he put the matter over until May 4 in White Plains.

District Attorney Frederick E. Weeks appeared for the State and with him was Deputy Attorney General James A. Parson, while Thomas L. Hughes appeared for Kennedy and Albert L. Rich represented Gibbs.

The application was made returnable before Justice Morschauer on Saturday but the Court decided that the orderly procedure would be to have it brought before him in trial term in this county since the indictments were found by a Westchester County Grand Jury.

James W. Osborne, special deputy attorney general, presented the facts to the Grand Jury following the investigation ordered by the then Governor Sulzer. Mr. Osborne does not appear in opposition to the application for the dismissal of the indictments.

### Y. M. C. A. NEWS.

The Boys' Conference of the Westchester County Y. M. C. A., announced in these columns last week for April 25th has been postponed. It will be held either the first or second Saturday in May. The exact date will be announced next week. The plans are to make this the largest and best Boys' Conference ever held in this county. Speakers of state-wide prominence are expected to be present and the inspiration of this gathering should be sought by every Y. M. C. A. boy in the county.

Miss May Kennedy is substituting for a few days for Miss Josephine Van Tassel as teacher at the Cantitoe school. Miss Van Tassel is enjoying a few days' vacation.

Howard L. VanNorden has begun the improvement of his Cherry street place and plans for a new orchard have been made. Work has been started.

## A PRETTY WEDDING

### Kellogg-Green Nuptials Witnessed by Large Gathering on Saturday Evening.

### MANY HANDSOME GIFTS

One of the prettiest wedding ceremonies performed this spring in the northern part of Westchester County was that which took place last Saturday evening at the Methodist Episcopal Church Katonah, when Miss Alice Marion Green, youngest daughter of Mrs. Marion Green, was united in marriage to Mr. Asbury Elliott Kellogg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Kellogg. The Rev. Andrew M. Gay officiated, assisted by Rev. A. A. Walker.

The church was tastefully decorated with ferns and roses.

Mr. William R. Kellogg, brother of the groom, served in the capacity of best man. The bridal party consisted of Miss Ethel Green, maid of honor, Misses Mildred Deats, Ollice C. Wheeler, Eleanor T. Todd, Emily M. Hutchinson, and Messrs. William R. Kellogg, Charles A. Dewey, William H. Cargon, Jr., Wallace B. Searles, C. Fayette Lawrence and R. Benson Ray.

The bride wore a gown of ivory white satin, trimmed with duchesse lace and orange blossoms and a veil of tulle with wreath of orange blossoms. The maid of honor's dress was pink crepe de chine trimmed with tulle and Chantilly lace, and she carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The four bridesmaids wore gowns of green crepe de chine with silk shadow lace waists and tunic and carried pink carnations.

Miss Helen Fisher, of Mt. Kisco, the four-year-old niece of the bridegroom, preceded the bride and groom. She was dressed in white embroidered dress and carried a basket of beautiful pink roses.

While the soft, tuneful strains of the Lohengrin wedding march were being rendered by Mr. R. Benson Ray at the organ, the bridal procession moved quietly down the aisle, followed by the bride, who carried a beautiful shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Although portions of the service could not be heard at the extreme corners of the crowded edifice, there was not a particle of doubt when the words "I will" rang out in clear, loud tones from the lips of the happy couple.

During the ceremony Mr. R. Benson Ray rendered "Oh, Promise Me" on the organ.

After the ceremony a reception for the immediate friends of the contracting parties was held at the home of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg left for the Adirondack Mountains for a honeymoon canoe trip for two weeks and will be at home after April 30th. They will reside at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kellogg until their new home is completed.

Among those present were the Misses Jeannette McKnight, of Asbury Park, N. J., Anna L. Francis, of Harrison, Olive C. Wheeler, Ruth Daw and Mary Harvey Boggs of the Skidmore School of Arts, Saratoga Springs, Mary B. Hastings, of Salem, Phebe G. Green, Hazel Green Traband, Ruth May Green, Jane H. Green, Elizabeth Helen Green, Martha Edith Green, all of Chappaqua, Irene S. Richards, of Yonkers, Minnie D. Scofield, Greenwich, Conn., Mrs. B. Ferris and Miss Maud I. Ferris, Sound Beach, Conn., Misses Annie L. Hutchinson and Emily M. Hutchinson, Chatham, Mrs. D. H. Todd, Goldenbridge, Miss Marion K. Ober, White Plains, Misses Irene Bennett Adams and Mrs. Fisher, Mt. Kisco; Miss Pauline Dann Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Knapp, Purdy Station, Miss Madeleine Purdy, Croton Falls, Misses Helen Griffiths, Mary E. Crane, Mrs. T. E. Morgan, Misses Mildred E. Webb, Marion W. Todd, Sophia Augusta Wibbe, Harriette M. Covey, May T. Kennedy, Marie Ferris, Anna L. Benedict, Jessie P. Corlyon, Ruth M. Shoens, Rae Troupe, S. Etta Elliott, Mrs. A. M. Gay, all of Katonah. Miss Halstead, of Goldenbridge, Mrs. Seaman, of Mt. Kisco, Messrs. George R. Gregory, Marcy, N. Y., Harvey B. Green, Harold F. Traband, James Carpenter Green, Chappaqua; Mr. and Mrs. Willard B. Fisher, Harold M. Fisher, Mt. Kisco; Samuel Hutchinson, Chatham. James H. McKenna, New York; Dr. F. F. Scofield, Greenwich; D. H. Todd, Goldenbridge; Gardner J. Kellogg; Clifford Green, Dr. F. H. Williams, Gordon Williams, Peter Noe, Jr., L. W.

The passing of sentence was postponed until Thursday. The penalty is one year in prison and, if within the option of the court, a fine of \$500.

The convicted men are Daniel E. Lynch and John Huber, officers of the Suffolk Contracting Company; Michael Scanlon and Fred J. Kinney, foreman in charge of construction for the above company; Leigh Robertes and Spencer J. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Swaver, of Minneapolis, Minn., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Arnold on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunter Potter have returned to their Katonah home after extensive travels abroad.

## "CLEAN-UP" DAY SET

### May 16 Day Chosen By District Nursing Association for Concerted Action.

### ASK FOR CO-OPERATION.

Although our village has been accused of being the original "Spotless Town", yet a watchful eye may discern places where a little cleaning-up will improve the situation and make our village still more fair. Accordingly the women of the District Nursing Association have joined the crusade for a general "clean-up" which is being undertaken in all our nearby towns, and have appointed May 16th as the day for concerted action in Katonah.

Details of the plan will be given in the following issues of the Record. In the meantime it is hoped that the public may be educated to the point that it will no longer tolerate waste paper about the village streets, and stray banana and orange skins, empty boxes and cans will be properly taken care of.

With the help of the public school and assisted by the strong sentiment of the village improvement society, it is hoped that such a passion for cleanliness will take possession of us that whitewashed cellars, raked up lawns and a general beautifying of the places will be the result.

The District Nursing Association will help dispose of the rubbish. Please keep the "clean-up" idea at your own door.

### ENGINEER SPENCER J. STEWART CONVICTED.

#### Found Guilty at Riverhead on Saturday of Conspiring To Defraud State.

Spencer J. Stewart, formerly chief engineer of Division No. 1 State Highways Department, with headquarters in White Plains, was convicted Saturday by a jury sitting at Riverhead following trial on charges that grew out of the investigation of the graft in the Tammany road building in the state.

Stewart was one of six men found guilty in a conspiracy to defraud the state of \$61,000 on material for a twenty-three mile road between Coram and Patchogue and as the result of the testimony of investigators the following indictments which led to the convictions were found:

Grand larceny (first degree) The Suffolk Contracting Company, of Huntington, L. I.; Daniel E. Lynch, John Huber, Fred J. Kinney and Michael Scanlon, officers of the Suffolk Contracting Company, and Joseph A. Boyce, contractor, Long Island City.

Conspiracy—Fred J. Kinney, indicted for alleged acts committed while a highway engineer; Spencer J. Stewart, formerly division engineer (four indictments); William Holtschuh, highway engineer; George Eschwell, highway engineer (three indictments); Henry J. Mullen, contractor, Long Island City; Charles E. Twombly and John V. Eldert, of the contracting firm of Twombly & Eldert, of Long Island City; William W. Hubbard, formerly highway inspector, Edwin E. Bayles, formerly foreman of laborers in the Highway Department, Joseph A. Boyce, contractor, Long Island City, and the Dunbar Contracting Company, of Manhattan, of which Bart Dugan is president and treasurer.

Misfeasance and misfeasance in office—Spencer J. Stewart.

The president appointed Trustees Dakin and Reynolds a committee on the Mill-street bridge matter. Trustee Chichester called attention to a notice prepared by the Board of Health and asked that copies be sent to the newspapers as follows:

"As summer approaches the dangers from accumulated garbage increases, and it is the urgent wish of the Board of Health that our citizens give personal attention to the disposing of all the refuse upon their premises, either by burning or otherwise. The dangers arising from a neglect of this precaution are often much greater than is realized and this Board will gladly co-operate, as far as possible, in helping to keep our village sanitary. Will you do this much for Mount Kisco?"

Trustee Dakin stated that he had recently purchased property on Kisco avenue and found when he came to improve it that the village in making road improvements had encroached

Independent and Mutual fire companies asked for approval of recently elected officers, which was given.

The bills of the Williamson Law Book Company for \$3, and of James Hannigan for \$24, were audited and ordered paid.

The report of the Police Committee upon the request of the officers for vacations recommended that they be granted vacations of fourteen days each year, a few days at time in the discretion of the committee. Mr. Shaw stated that upon investigating the conditions in neighboring villages he found that in most cases the officers were required to be on duty from eight to fourteen hours per day, while the Mt. Kisco officers were working on an eight-hour basis.

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## VILLAGE FINANCES

### Mt. Kisco Trustees Discuss Condition of Treasurer's Accounts.

### GIVE POLICE VACATIONS

The matter of finances of the village took up the greater part of the time at the regular meeting of the Board of Village Trustees of Mt. Kisco on Monday evening. The discussion was started when Treasurer William F. Egan asked that his bondsman be released.

Trustee Shaw, as chairman of the finance committee, took occasion to state that he was unable to get complete reports from either the present treasurer or his predecessor, and that it would probably be some time still before the accounts could be straightened out to the satisfaction of the State Comptroller, whose representative had left the matter in his hands. He was unable to report on the tax list of delinquents because of the condition of the treasurer's books and that the treasurer had not followed the instructions of the Board to consult with the Corporation Counsel and submit the list of delinquents.

A resolution was carried instructing the treasurer to furnish the list and his request for release of bondsman was placed on file.

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## AMERICANS TAKE VERA CRUZ CITY

### Mexican Death List Placed at 150 and Non-Combatants Safe.

### TO RAISE \$100,000,000 BY STAMP TAX

The American forces took full possession of Vera Cruz at 1.10 p. m. yesterday. The Mexicans have abandoned the city, retreating toward Mexico City.

Latest reports are that there have been no casualties among the non-combatants in Vera Cruz. The estimated loss to the Mexicans at present is 150 killed.

The general bombardment of Vera Cruz took place early. According to a despatch to the State Department from United States Consul Canada the fleet is shelling the Southern end of the town to which the Mexican forces have retreated. Great damage is being wrought by the guns of the fleet which are covering the landing of marines and blue jackets.

From Washington comes the news that money for the carrying on of war may not be raised by a tax levy. The administration is said to have a plan whereby there will be an extra stamp tax, and an extraordinary tax on beer, wine and other such products. By this method it is said \$100,000,000 could be raised annually.

Admiral Badger's fleet arrived at Vera Cruz at 2.15 a. m. yesterday. Marines and bluejackets from the vessels of the Atlantic fleet were landed under the protection of the ships' guns.

Tuesday Admiral Badger ordered the vessels of his fleet to increase their speed to 17 knots an hour. This was in response to a wireless despatch from Rear Admiral Fletcher that fighting had begun and casualties had been sustained.

The sailors and marines being landed are all clothed in khaki and are carrying full field equipment, including rounds of ammunition.

Admiral Chaddock, of the British cruiser Essex, was with British Consul Hutchinson at the British Consulate in Vera Cruz when fighting began. He immediately returned to his vessel.

A few dead bodies are lying in the streets this morning. They will be picked up and buried later, when the streets are safe.

The city this morning presented a wrecked appearance. Many buildings have been partially demolished and broken glass and wrecked street lamps are everywhere. The majority of the British and American civilians who are still there are remaining in the hotels or in their houses.

The battleships Michigan and Louisiana are expected hourly. When they arrive the yellow land marines. The total force in Vera Cruz will then reach about 6,000.

When Admiral Badger's fleet was approaching the Mexicans put out most of the coast lights, but the fleet was navigated safely in the darkness. In spite of the dangerous reef, the disembarkment of the marines and blue-jackets was rapid. It was a wonderful sight to see them disembarking.

By 5 a. m. yesterday 2,000 men had landed, making the total between 3,000 and 4,000.

Rear Admiral Fletcher held a conference yesterday with Admiral Badger and later took up headquarters in the terminal building close to the Ward Line dock.

A dispatch from Washington states that General William Wotherspoon today assumed his duties as chief of staff of the army, succeeding Major General Wood, who has been selected commander-in-chief of the army if it becomes necessary to send the troops to Mexico.

When the Senate reassembled in Washington yesterday a message was received from the House that the Senate amendments to the Mexican resolution had been agreed upon.

A dispatch from Tokio says the Japanese Government officials yesterday declared that the attitude of the Japanese government in the Mexican situation is naturally one of strict neutrality. It was pointed out that the Japanese warship Idruno was now at Guaymas on the Pacific Coast and could arrange for the embarkation of Japanese in Mexico if such a course should become necessary.

At Vera Cruz a censorship has been established on board the United States ship Prairie. All messages must go through this source.

One thousand boxes of ammunition and machines consigned to the Federal commander at Vera Cruz were removed from the steamer Monterey at Havana yesterday by orders from New York.

Among the sensational rumors heard yesterday was one that Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy had been assassinated by the Huerta men. Another report was that one of the United States battleships had been destroyed by a mine explosion in the Harbor of Vera Cruz. No verification of either of these reports has been obtained, and neither report is credited.

The dead and wounded in Tuesday's battle at Vera Cruz are as follows:

Schumaker, coxswain, of the Florida. Polnsette, seaman, of the Florida. Haggerty private, Marine Corps. Another marine, name not given. The men wounded so far as known are:

C. J. Leahy, N. Schwartz, G. D. Cameron and J. F. Please, seamen, of the Florida.

Gisburne, electrician, of the Florida. Davidson, Draine and McMillan, private of the Second Regiment of marines from the Prairie.

The opening of hostilities was explained by Admiral Fletcher in the following telegram sent to the Secretary of the Navy from Vera Cruz at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon:

Tuesday in face of approaching norther, landed marines and sailors from battleships Utah, Florida, and transport Prairie, and seized Custom House.

Mexican forces did not oppose landing, but opened fire with rifle and artillery after our seizure of Custom House. Prairie shelling Mexicans out of their positions.

Desultory firing from housetops and streets. Hold Custom House and section of city in vicinity of wharves and Consulate.

Casualties—Four dead and twenty wounded.

FLETCHER.

At four o'clock Tuesday afternoon the following message was sent to Secretary Daniels:

Am holding part of city in vicinity of railroad yards, Custom House, cable house and Consulate. All rolling stock is safe. Desultory street firing continuing from all housetops. A light northern wind is blowing.

FLETCHER.

At 6 o'clock the following message was sent from Vera Cruz:

Our men are firing only when fired at. We prepared a flag of truce with message to Gen. Maass to cease firing or our guns will be used.

About 1,000 marines and sailors ashore. All business here suspended since noon.

FLETCHER.

The landing of the United States marines at Vera Cruz Tuesday afternoon, as is brought out in the New York Herald this morning, was fully justified by the practice of nations.

In 1895, for example, a British naval force in reprisal for claimed injuries landed at Corinto in Nicaragua, took military possession of the town and occupied the custom house and other government buildings. In 1901 France under similar circumstances seized the custom house at Mitylene, Greece, in order to enforce compliance by the Turkish government with a demand for the settlement of claims. In neither case, however, did these measures result as our landing has, in war, pure and simple.

An interesting and perhaps, most important feature of the situation was the refusal of the British steamer El Zorra in accordance with the order of Rear Admiral Craddock, royal navy, to transport ammunition already on board, for the use of the Huerta forces at Tampico. Her captain explained that he unloaded his cargo because England's friendly relation with America would not permit his vessel to supply the fleet with war material.

At 3 o'clock yesterday the United States Senate, by a vote of 75 to 13, passed a resolution giving to President

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