EDWARD M. SHEPARD.

Mayor Gaynor Wants Him to Succeed Senator Depew.

New York, Dec. 20.—The senatorship situation probably was settled in the city hall when Mayor Gaynor and Charles F. Murphy had a long conference. While neither Mr. Murphy nor the mayor would answer any questions concerning the subject, it can be stated that the talk was mainly confined to the consideration of the man who is to be selected by the Democratic caucus of the legislature to succeed Chauncey M. Depew.

The outcome of the conference is that the choice has been narrowed down to Edward M. Shepard and William F. Sheehan.

The mayor, from what could be ascertained after his talk with Mr. Murphy, told the leader of Tammany Hall that he favored the selection of Mr. Shepard. It is understood that Mr. Murphy told the mayor that a great deal of pressure was being brought to bear on him by friends of Mr. Sheehan.

REBELS CAPTURE NAVARRO.

Mexican General and Troops Lost In Big Battle.

City of Mexico, Dec. 20.—General Navarro has been captured by the rebels and is now held a prisoner. This information has just reached the City of Mexico. The information is contained in a letter from a high authority at Chihughua. General Navarro was captured at the last battle at Pedernales.

It is also said that the rebels captured two mountain guns in the same battle, lassoing them from their horses and dragging them away.

During the six hours' fighting the rebels charged the government troops twice. The second time the federal troops were thrown into confusion. It was on this occasion that Navarro and the cannon were captured.

The rebels now have the troops besieged in Pedernales, which is practically surrounded. Pickets are stationed at all points to see that no move is made. The strongest efforts are being made to prevent the government getting re-enforcements through from Chihuahua.

FIRE DESTROYS SCHOOL.

Explosion In New $100,000 Building Starts Blaze.

Woodbury, N. J., Dec. 20.—The new $100,000 high school building here was destroyed by fire, and in consequence 800 students will be without school accommodations for some time. The building was one of the finest in the state. The fire started from an explosion in the cellar shortly before the time for assembly, and in a short while the flames had leaped to the roof. There were no pupils in the school at the time.

The local fire force, unable to cope with the flames, asked for help from Gloucester and Camden, but by the time the fire fighters from those two places arrived the building was practically destroyed.

Three firemen were injured, but not severely, by falling debris and timber. The insurance on the building amounts to about $80,000.

INJURED SPINE BRINGS $17,500.

Two Trials Before Workman Gets Second Largest Verdict In Erie County.

Buffalo, Dec. 20.—The second largest verdict ever reported by an Erie county jury in a negligence case was returned in favor of Peter Larsen and against the Lackawanna Steel company. Larsen gets $17,500 for injuries to his spine sustained while working for the company two years ago. He was caught and whirled around a shaft. This was the second trial of the case.

Larsen got only $4,000 at the first trial, and the appellate division at Rochester set aside the verdict and ordered a new trial on the technicality.

Portuguese and Codfish.

It is an interesting fact that the fishermen of northern Portugal started and developed the fishing industry on the "banks" off the northern coast of America, and, though they now send fewer ships, their taste for salt cod from Newfoundland is unabated—in fact, it is a national Portuguese dainty. It is found in every little grocery shop, hard and brown as a board. A number of Portuguese have made their home on the islands to the south of the mainland of Massachusetts, and there the dark eyes of the Iberian maiden, raven locks and a certain picturesque element in dress are not infrequent. This connection with Portugal dates back many years, the ships of Marthas Vineyard bridging the distance over sea and returning with Portuguese crews.—Exchange.

NOVEL FESTIVITY.

Church Women Entertain Supper Crowd With Staff of Life.

A novel idea for a church entertainment is a supper in which all the courses are of bread in some form or have the staff of life as an important factor in their composition.

For a recent function of the kind invitations were issued in the following form:

"The Ladies' Aid society of St. John's church cordially request your presence at a staff of life supper on (such a date) at 7 p. m. (price 75 cents)."

Perhaps a better idea cannot be given of how to conduct such a merrymaking than to describe the supper for which these cards were issued:

The table was effectively and at the same time most economically decorated. The centerpiece was a huge sandwich loaf hollowed out to form a boat and filled with paper flowers. Smaller loaves also scooped out and lined with paraffin paper held the olives and salted nuts.

The first course was a delicious cream toast served in place of soup. This was followed by bread fritters with a substantial course of veal loaf and green peas in little boxes of hollowed out bread browned in the oven. Instead of a salad they had excellent club sandwiches and for dessert French pancakes rolled in powdered sugar. Coffee and cake came last of all.

The place cards found at each cover bore on one side the names of the guests as usual, and on the reverse each had a question relating to bread in history, legend, etc. Between courses these queries were read aloud and the answers searched for. It helped to pass the time merrily.

Here are a few of the questions as examples of the series:

What real person when told that the poor were dying for want of bread is reported to have said, "Why don't they eat cake?" Marie Antoinette.

Who first called bread the "staff of life?" Jonathan Swift.

What marvelous bread saved many lives? The manna that fell in the desert.

After supper the frolic assumed the general character of a sociable, with several merry contests in which bread played a part. For instance, a table was rolled upon the scene upon which several kinds of loaves were heaped up and players were called on to give each its proper name, as New England loaf, etc. All those who succeeded in writing out complete lists drew for a prize in the form of a pretty bread plate.

A Poor Plan.

The trouble with some men who reach the top is that they go right on over and down the other side.—Chicago Record-Herald.

TOY AEROPLANE BUILDING

Any boy can build a toy aeroplane which will fly faster than he can run. There is no more fascinating toy in the world than these model airships, and thousands of boys here and abroad are actually conquering the air with these craft of their own making. A variety of models may be made inexpensively and the great feats of the bird men reproduced with a remarkable realism. Already the boys in widely scattered cities have organized themselves into amateur aero clubs and flown their airships in many thrilling races and competitions.

It is not only one of the most fascinating of sports, but the most democratic in the world, since it is within the reach of any bright boy ten years

Photo by American Press Association.

FLYING A TOY AEROPLANE.

or more of age. While there are few of these model aeroplanes for sale in the shops—and these are likely to be very expensive—a surprisingly practical model may be built with materials costing only a few pennies. Many simple and helpful directions as to how to build model airships are given in detail in the "Boys' Book of Model Aeroplanes," by Francis A. Collins. More than fifty photographs are shown of model aeroplanes actually built and flown by boys.

The material necessary for constructing a model airship is very cheap and easy to obtain. Surprisingly good models are built with dowel sticks, which cost but a cent apiece and can be bought at almost any hardware store. The wings, or planes, may be made of pieces of silk or light cloth, which any boy may borrow from the family scrap bag. A few hairpins will answer for the metal parts of the simpler forms. Boys will do well to begin by building gliders—that is, a perfect model airship without any motive power. Briefly, the wings may be made by joining the sides, made of dowel strips, to form long rectangles, the ends being tied and glued together. The covering should then be stretched tightly over its frame and glued down. These planes should then be fastened to a central axis, or backbone, in imitation of the large aeroplanes. By adding a weight to the front of the aeroplane it may be balanced so that it will glide fifty feet or more. Many of the best model aeroplanes have been made by boys, using their own designs. One of the most successful of these amateurs, Ryan Beattey of New York, who has received a gold medal and other prizes for his work, says that practically any model, if carefully made and equipped with a strong enough motor, will really fly.

The motive power is easily supplied. First a propeller about one-third the width of the planes should be cut from a piece of tin in the form of two long ellipses connected by a strip and the edges turned slightly in opposite directions. This should be mounted with a hook of wire attached to the center which turns smoothly in a block of wood attached to the rear of the central axis of the backbone. The motive power is supplied by looping a number of rubber bands over this hook and running to the extreme front of the plane. By turning the propeller about 150 times, enough energy will be stored up to turn the propeller for twelve or fifteen seconds, which should be enough to fly the model for from 100 to 200 feet. Boys will find it a very easy matter to copy the simpler forms of aeroplane, and their own ingenuity will soon enable them to devise original models of their own.

The Canadian Lynx.

The lynx has a bad reputation even for a wild cat. It is said to do more harm than good. It eats grouse and other birds, hares, rabbits and squirrels, and will even attack and kill young fawns. It is a fierce looking beast. It has a large head with tufted ears, a powerful body, long legs, and usually a short tail. When alarmed it takes rapid, straight leaps forward, and if hard pressed takes to the trees, which it climbs by aid of its powerful forelegs and claws. When running at speed it looks odd, indeed, for it makes a series of leaps, with its back arched, and all the feet coming to the ground at nearly the same time.

A Parting Shot.

Cabby (badly worsted in the dispute) —Well, I 'opes as the nex' four wheeler ye tikes, mum, will be an 'earse!—Punch.

DENTISTS FOR HORSES.

With the Aid of Special Instruments They Extract and Fill Teeth.

In every large city there are now dentists who devote their entire attention to horses. They are of course provided with special instruments for the extracting and filling of the teeth of animals needing attention.

One of the instruments, called a speculum, presents the appearance of an ivory handle and four small bars of nickel, working on a ratchet and crossing one another in such a manner as to form a hollow square that can be made large or small by the turning of a screw.

Setting this device to the proper size, the horse dentist will slip it gently into the suffering animal's mouth, which during the operation is kept partly open by a groom. When the instrument is fitted upon, say one of the back teeth, the beast's mouth is kept open as wide as possible.

The groom now takes hold of the handle of the speculum with one hand and of the horse's tongue with the other, says Harper's Weekly, enabling the dentist to obtain a good view of the damaged molar. It may be that after careful examination the dentist decides that a splinter should come off. Taking up a cutter, a scissors shaped instrument two feet long and with sawlike edges, he applies it to the tooth and with a quick movement snaps off the offending corner.

Gold, as well as aluminum and amalgam, are the materials used in the filling and crowning of horses' teeth. The fee charged varies greatly, ranging anywhere from $5 to $25. Where gold is employed it is of course the most expensive item in the operation, for the back tooth of a horse measures an inch in breadth and three inches long and it requires therefore a larger quantity of the valuable metal to fill up these molars.

World's Ore Mountains.

The world contains at least four mountains composed of almost solid iron ore. One is in Mexico, one in the United States, another in India and a fourth in Africa, just below the Soudan, and there have been reports of such a mountain existing in Siberia.

Nerves and Tobacco.

The members of the fair sex have nerves as well as their husbands and brothers, and if tobacco smoke affords a grateful solace, why should they not be equally entitled to this boon along with the men?—Good Health.

Matrimonial Complaints.

Nine-tenths of the unhappiness of people who imagine they have contrived to marry unhappily is purely of their own making. The world would not go right with them whether they were single or married.—Penny Magazine.

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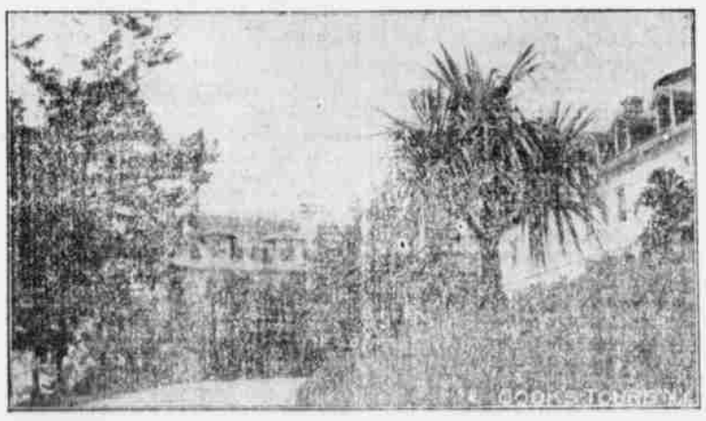

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