

GIVES DINNER TO DEPEW.

His Annual Birthday Celebration Is Held at the Montauk Club.

The annual birthday dinner tendered to ex-United States Senator Chauncey M. Depew by the Montauk Club of Brooklyn, was held at the clubhouse last night. Senator Depew was 79 years old on April 17 last. William H. English presided and Senator Depew was the only speaker.

Senator Depew said he had been in public and semi-public life for fifty-seven years, and that he had participated in many political revolutions, but never, he said, had proposed changes in the tariff been received with so little excitement as was the case with the Underwood bill. All this proved, he added, that Americans had become deliberative and contemplative, and could weigh calmly measures and policies.

"There never was a time," said Senator Depew, "when leaders asserted themselves with such confidence and autocratic authority. For the first time in one hundred and twenty-three years the President of the United States leaves the Executive Mansion and appears at the Capitol to impress upon the Legislative branch of the Government his views upon pending legislation. With all the shouting and the trumpeting for a pure democracy, the exactions of our busy, hurried, rapid, nervous life call for a leader in every department more than at any other period in our history."

Among those at the dinner were William Barnes, Jr., Timothy L. Woodruff, Justice Almet F. Jenks, Controller William A. Prendergast, Secretary of State Mitchell May, Edward M. Grout, Justice Luke D. Stapleton and Congressman William M. Calder.

AIDS NEGROES IN COURT.

National Association for Colored People's Advancement Makes Report

The annual report of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, which has just been published, after describing the efforts of the society to gain for the negro the protection of the courts in spite of his color, gives a full account of the annual conference at Chicago. The sessions were crowded, and on several occasions hundreds had to be turned away from the doors. Miss Jane Addams was one of the presiding officers, and among the speakers were Abdul Baha of Persia and Judge E. O. Brown of Chicago. Miss S. P. Breckenridge, Mrs. Emmons Blaine, Julius Rosenwald, and Mrs. Cyrus Hall McCormick attended the meetings.

The association has branches in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, New York, Quincy, Tacoma, and Washington, D. C., and is particularly strong in Boston, Washington, and Indianapolis. Temporary committees have been formed in many other cities also in order to organize permanent branches.

HIT BY CAR HE SIGNALLED.

Policeman, After Being Run Down, Catches Speeding Autoist.

After arraigning Arthur Corby, a salesman of 241 Briggs Avenue, Richmond Hill, L. I., in the Jamaica Court for speeding yesterday, Motor Cycle Patrolman Harry P. Shelley testified that after chasing Corby for a mile on Friday he was knocked off his motor cycle by him. Shelley, although painfully injured, jumped into a passing automobile and caught Corby, after a three-mile chase, traveling fifty miles an hour.

Shelley was on the Merrick Road when he signaled Corby to stop. Corby paid no attention, the policeman said, but put on more speed. Again Shelley speeded ahead of him and raised his hand. This time Corby suddenly swerved his machine, he said, and the mud guard struck the motor cycle, which was then running at forty miles an hour, hurling Shelley to the road. He scraped most of the skin off his right hand and hip, and his motor cycle was smashed. Corby raced ahead.

Then Shelley saw the automobile of Mrs. A. J. Aiken of New Lots, L. I., stopped it and explained the situation to her. Mrs. Aiken ordered the chauffeur to give chase.

Corby was caught by putting the borrowed auto directly in his path. He refused to accept a summons, and was made a prisoner. Magistrate Miller fined him \$10. Shelley made no charge against him except that of speeding.

CETLIC BRINGS STOWAWAYS

Four Are Locked Up When Found Several Days Out.

The White Star liner Celtic, which arrived yesterday from Liverpool with 450 cabin passengers and 1,671 immigrants in the steerage, brought four stowaways from Queenstown, Ireland, who managed to evade the keen eye of Purser Brewer and his staff for several days. Two of them, Bernard Ferguson and William Garrison, who said they were citizens of the United States, dodged around the boat deck, sleeping in the lifeboats by night and foraging for food by day until Thursday, when they were discovered and placed in the calaboose.

Amytem Askrade, a Russian, was discovered in the steerage eating porridge on Tuesday. He was locked up, and next day Robert Bedford, an Englishman, was found hiding on a grating and sent to join the Russian. All four will go to Ellis Island to-day with the steerage passengers, and return on the Celtic on Thursday. At Liverpool they may receive three months' imprisonment for stowing away on the liner.

FARM COMMISSION SAILS.

Will Divide at Naples to Study Agriculture—Pilgrims Start.

The American Commission to study agriculture abroad sailed yesterday on the Cunard liner Saxonia. At Naples the party will separate to visit the various agricultural centres and meet at stated intervals in the large cities on the Continent where they will be received by the officials of the different Governments. All facilities will be placed at their disposal for the study of conditions in the respective countries.

Those in the party appointed by the Federal Government were Dr. Kenyon Butterfield, Dr. John Lee Coulter, Col. Harvie Jordan, Ralph W. Moss and Dr. Clarence J. Owens.

There was also on the Saxonia a pilgrimage party of forty-six Catholic priests and their friends in charge of the Rev. John Grimes, D. D., Bishop of Syracuse. After spending a week in Rome the party will go to Lourdes and then to the principal cities of Europe.

DEMUR TO WIDOW'S SUIT.

Wiedenmayer Sons and Daughter Get a Hearing in Newark.

Chief Justice William S. Gummere heard argument yesterday in Newark on a demurrer to the suit brought in the New Jersey Supreme Court by Mrs. Madelle Jones Wiedenmayer, widow of George W. Wiedenmayer, a brewer, against his three sons and daughter. John R. Hardin appeared as counsel for the defendants, George W., Gustav A., and Joseph E. Wiedenmayer, the sons, and Mrs. Helen Kleinhaus, the daughter. The court reserved decision for one week.

Mr. Hardin argued that the allegations in the action, in which the widow seeks \$100,000 for alleged undue influence exerted over Mr. Wiedenmayer, causing an unfair distribution of his fortune by the terms of his will, were so general that it had been impossible for the defendants to make a proper construction of the charges.