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GEN. BENJAMIN F. TRACY.

Sketch of the Distinguished New York
Lawyer's Career.

Benjamin Franklin Tracy was born
87 years ago in Owego, Tioga County,
N. Y. He was educated in the com-
mon schools, and at 18 he began the
study of law in the office of Davis &
Warner, in his native town. Two years
later he was admitted to the bar. Mr.
Tracy was still a very young man
when he first began to interest himself
in public affairs. He sat as a Free Soil
delegate in the Tioga County Con-
vention when he was only 18 years old.
When he was 23 he was elected Dis-
trict-Attorney, and he held the office
six years, during which time he took
an active interest in Republican po-
litics.

In 1861 Mr. Tracy was elected to the
Assembly. In 1862 he was a member
of the committee appointed by Edwin
D. Morgan to organize general recruit-
ing for the Union army, and as such
did splendid work in Tioga, Broome
and Tompkins counties. He also re-
cruited personally two regiments, the
109th and 137th New York Volunteers,
being appointed Colonel of the former
organization, and with it he went to
the front. At the battle of Spottys-
ylvania he broke down completely, and
was obliged to retire for the time from



GENERAL BENJAMIN F. TRACY.

active service. He resigned, and re-
turned to New York, but after he re-
covered his health he accepted the Col-
onely of the 127th United States Regi-
ment from Secretary of War Stanton,
and took charge of the draft rendez-
vous and prison camps at Elmira.
There were at one time 10,000 prison-
ers under his charge.

From 1868 to 1873 General Tracy
was United States District Attorney
for Eastern District of New York, af-
ter which he began the practice of law
in Brooklyn. In 1891 he was nomi-
nated for Mayor by the Republicans.
Later he, and Ripley Ropes, the nom-
inee of the Citizens' Union, withdrew
in favor of Seth Low, who was elected.
General Tracy was then appointed a
Judge of the Court of Appeals. In 1890
President Harrison appointed him Sec-
retary of the Navy. When the commis-
sion to draft the Greater New York
charter was chosen General Tracy was
selected for chairman, and he devoted
himself closely to the task. He was
associate counsel for the defense in the
Beecher-Tilton trial. He is the senior
member of the law firm of Tracy,
Boardman & Platt.

Dispatches from Berlin assert that
Germany wanted to put a chip on his
Imperial shoulder as an invitation to
Uncle Sam to knock it off and get up
a fight. The statement is that Em-
peror William prepared a vigorous and
undiplomatic dispatch to Spain con-
cerning the attitude of the United
States in the Cuban question, the na-
ture of the dispatch being such as this
country must inevitably resent with
emphasis. His Majesty was with diffi-
culty dissuaded from his purpose, it is
said.

"Be sure you are right, then go
ahead," said Davy Crockett. Some-
body has amended the axiom to "Be
sure you are right, then go ahead—
and you will find out that you are wrong."
A Chicago tailor, Charles Taylor, be-
ing at Victoria, B. C., and about to em-
bark for Seattle, en route home, saw a
steamer just unmoored, made sure
that it was the Seattle steamer, and by
a long leap landed on her deck. When
he was next able to step to land he
walked over the plank into Honolulu,
2,570 miles from Seattle. He had
boarded the Warrimoo.

Buried His Money for Good.
An unfortunate man lives in Iowa.
He is a farmer, and is worth nearly
\$50,000, but is in danger of dying in
the poorhouse. When the panic of 1893
came, this man turned all his property
into coin and buried it in small boxes
under a farm which he still held as
tenant. A year ago his mind failed,
and although he seems to have some
recollection of burying his money, he
cannot remember the hiding place. He
is now a charge upon the county, hav-
ing no relatives upon whom he can de-
pend for support.

Comfort From Afar.
Ah, timely Klondike, though you are
A sorry thing for some who go.
You've won our gratitude, because
We keep cool reading of your snow
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dealers for 25 cts. Take no substitute.

THE CAKE WALK.

It Was Formerly a Marriage Ceremony
Among Plantation Negroes.

The cake walk proper had its origin
among the French negroes of Louisi-
ana more than a century ago. There
is little doubt that it is an offshoot
of some of the old French country
dances. It resembles several of them
in form. From New Orleans it spread
over the entire south and thence to
the north. It was found of conven-
ience to the plantation negroes. They
were not wedded by license, and it
was seldom that the services of a
preacher was called in. At a cake
walk a man might legitimately show
his preference for a woman and thus
publicly claim her for wife. In effect
the cake walk was not different from
the old Scotch marriage, which re-
quired only public acknowledgment
from the contracting parties. So this
festival became in some sense a
wedding, an acceptance or rejection and
a ceremony. This explains its popu-
larity with the blacks, outside of its
beauties, with the accompaniment of
music, which is competent at all times
to command negro support. Oake wal-
king has improved as do most things
that are constantly practiced. It has
lost its old significance in the south.
Negroes now get married, when they
marry at all, in white folk's fashion.
It has become, however, a pantomime
dance. Properly performed, it is a
beautiful one. The cake is not much
of a prize, though the negro has a
sweet tooth.

ARCH ROCK DOOMED.

A "Sight" of San Francisco Bay to Be
Removed.

Arch Rock, one of the "sights" of
San Francisco Bay, will be removed by
the Government. It is the most con-
spicuous of the twenty-four dan-
gers to navigation which have been
located and charted in the bay. The
rock is twenty-six feet long at
low water level and rises to a height
about equal to its length. It is of
soft rock, and the waves, beat-
ing upon its base during uncounted
years, have worn a hole twelve feet in
diameter entirely through the mass.
Small boats can pass under the arch
thus formed.



ARCH ROCK.

Owing to the formation of the rock
under the water an area of 30,000
square feet will have to be included in
the operations, in order that a uniform
depth of thirty feet may be obtained.
Tunnels such as were used in clearing
Hell Gate will not be necessary since
the rock is so soft as to admit of attack
by drills operated from boats. The work
will require about two years for its
completion, the climax being one tre-
mendous explosion, by which, if the
calculations are correct, the great ledge
will be instantly demolished. The
spectacle will be grand in the extreme.

Very Thick Ice.

According to Dr. C. H. Hitchcock,
a channel extends from the Champlain
country, of the St. Lawrence in Canada,
past Lake Champlain and the Hudson
river to the west side of the Pelli-
sades in New Jersey, where the ice
movement was due north and south,
as is indicated by the striae and dis-
tribution of bowlders. East of this
line the movement was somewhat over
the Green and White mountains; west,
over the Adirondacks, the movement
was southwest to the terminal moraine
in Pennsylvania. At the cul-
mination of the cold period, one lobe
of ice must have started from the Lau-
rentian mountains in Canada and
spread like a fan over these mountains.
The ice was probably 10,000 feet in
thickness. R. Chalmers in the last
report of the geological survey con-
cedes a similar movement from the
Laurentian highlands into Maine. This
eastern lobe reached the Atlantic on
the east and probably extended wester-
ly to Salamanca, N. Y.

A Fish Story.

The dwellers on the banks of the
Neckar, near the good old German
town of Heilbronn, had an experience
the other day which must have re-
minded them of the miraculous
drought of fishes. A few days ago,
toward evening, the worthy Heilbron-
nians perceived that the Neckar was,
toward both its banks, one moving
mass of all sorts and conditions of
fish, thronging landward in seeming
anxiety to be caught. Nor was this
tacit appeal at all disregarded, for ev-
ery man, woman and child of the vic-
inity ran out with pots and pans,
baskets to help himself (or herself)
to a share of fish. The explanation of
the miracle, which perchance might
prove a hint to fisherfolk, was that
the river had become so muddy, after
recent heavy rains, that the fish found
it difficult to breathe in the "thick"
water, and had approached the banks
for more air.

New Remedy for Harkness.

A cold storage establishment on
North Delaware avenue, Philadelphia,
was the scene of much excitement on
a recent afternoon. Ice was being
hailed into the side alley and hoisted
to the third floor. A large wagon,
hailed by four mules, stuck in the
alley, the mules balking. Coaxing
proved of no avail, and likewise beat-
ing, and as a last resort the hoisting
tackle was made fast to the wagon,
and in a moment mules, wagon, ice and
several assistants were yanked into the
alley at the rate of about forty miles
per hour.

Lizards Thousands of Years Old.

An expedition sent out on May 1st
last to Wyoming by the American Mu-
seum of Natural History to search for
fossils of extinct reptiles has unearthed
specimens which will enrich the sci-
entific treasures of that institution. Dr.
Wortman and Mr. Brown have found
two gigantic Harkness, each about fifty
feet long. They lived many thou-
sand years ago.

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK

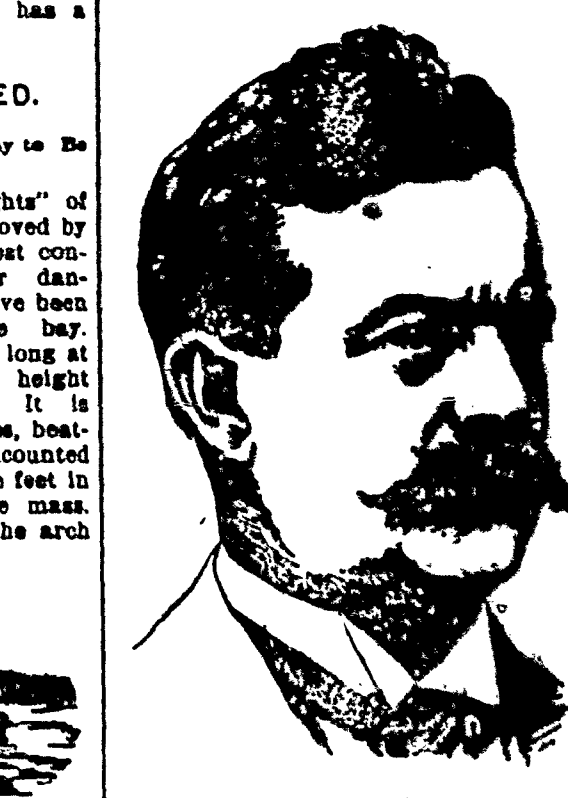
CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE NEW YORK
CITY COURT.

Incidents in the Career of the Man Selected
by Tammany as a Candidate for First
Mayor of the Mighty Municipality of
Greater New York.

Robert A. Van Wyck was elected to the
bench of the city court of New York eight
years ago, and soon became the chief justice
of that court.

He was born in New York city 47 years
ago. He left school when a mere boy, de-
termined to enter upon a business career,
and began in 1853 the real struggle of life
as an errand boy, but after diligent effort
as a clerk for five years he resumed his
studies, determined to equip himself for
the legal profession, and in 1858 he was
graduated from the Columbia college, then
presided over by Professor Dwight, as the
head of a class of 124, delivering the val-
dictory address at the class commencement
held in the Academy of Music.

His taste for the law may be in a mea-
sure inherited from his father, the late
William Van Wyck, who was a dis-
tinguished lawyer and a conspicuous man
of affairs in New York 60 years ago. From
his father he also inherited his democratic
politics, for William Van Wyck was, until
his death, prominent in the councils of the
democratic party, being in his early man-
hood an admirer and confidential friend of
Presidents Andrew Jackson and Martin
Van Buren.



ROBERT A. VAN WYCK.

Chief Justice Van Wyck is a descendant
on the paternal side in the seventh gen-
eration from Cornelius Barents Van Wyck,
who came to New Netherlands in 1630 from
the town of Wyck, Holland, and married
in 1650, at Flatbush, Kings county, New
York, Ann, daughter of the Rev. Johannes
Theodorus Polhemus, the first Dutch Re-
form minister in that county. All the
American Van Wycks are descendants of
this couple.

Though it is not a very numerous family,
yet many of them have been prominent
and conspicuous in the professions and
in the public service as judges, legislators,
congressmen, senators and soldiers, in all
the wars of our country, including that for
American independence.

They are connected by intermarriage with
all the old notable families throughout this
State, viz.: Van Rensselaer, Van Cortlandt,
Beekman, Gardiner, Van Vechten, Living-
ston, Hamilton, Seymour and other fam-
ilies.

Chief Justice Robert A. Van Wyck, of
New York, and his brother, Judge Augus-
tus Van Wyck, of Brooklyn, are both trust-
ees of the Holland Society, which is the
true home of the Knickerbockers, being
composed of only lineal descendants of
Hollanders settling in America prior to
1670, more than a century before the
Declaration of American independence,
and members of the Nicholas, Democratic,
Manhattan and other leading clubs.

Industrial Imprudence.

Albany, N. Y.—The report of the State
Commissioner of Labor statistics shows that
labor is employed much more than it was
last spring. The report is based upon
quarterly returns to the department received
from 928 labor organizations. The mem-
bership of these organizations have largely
increased, and at the same time the per-
centage of unemployed has been vastly re-
duced. The total membership is 148,500.
On March 31 there were 45,500 unemployed
members, on June 30, with an increased
membership, the number of unemployed
was but 25,742, which was, even with a
further increased membership, reduced to
14,405 on September 30. On March 31
more than one-fourth of the members of
these organizations were unemployed; on
June 30 but one-fifth were idle, and on
September 30 less than one-seventh were
out of work.

Killed Her Own Baby.

New York.—Mrs. Katherine Smith, of
770 Boston Road, took a small revolver
from a drawer in the presence of her chil-
dren, and to amuse them snipped it twice,
being sure that it was not loaded. "Shoot
me, mama," said two-year-old Robert. The
mother turned the weapon upon her smiling
babe and laughingly pulled the trigger for
the third time. There was a sharp report,
a puff of smoke, and the happy little one
fell a corpse at the feet of the unhappy
mother with a bullet in his brain.

Proved Its Power.

Williams Bay, Wis.—The big Yerkes
telescope, which was focused on Tuesday by
Prof. Barnard, proved its power to pen-
etrate the heavens the first time it was used
to search the starry spaces. It disclosed a
star never before seen from the earth,
third companion of Vega. The newly found
star has not yet been named.

Spanish-Portuguese Alliance.

London.—Madrid dispatches announce
that negotiations for the formation of an
alliance between Spain and Portugal gives
promise of successful termination. Portu-
gal would add but little to the strength of
Spain other than that which she would fur-
nish with her torpedo navy, which consists
of about fifty vessels. She has but three
ships of war.

Electricity Smooths Birds' Feathers.

It might puzzle many to say why the
feathers of birds rest closely against the
body even in the strongest wind. A
German naturalist has made experi-
ments showing that in the bird's flight
through the air the feathers are electro-
statically attracted and the white down
smooths down the feathers.

DIOCESAN NEWS.

What Our Friends in the Surrounding
Parishes are Doing.

From Our Special Correspondents.

Willard.

Lillian Kennedy presented her popular
drama "The Deacon's Daughter," to a large
and appreciative audience at the hospital
opera house on the 16th inst.

Dr. George O'Hanlon, junior assistant
physician at the hospital has retired. He
will spend the winter at Los Angeles, Cal.
Previous to his departure the nurses con-
nected with his department presented him
with a beautiful cut glass vase.

The marriage of Miss Annie Duffy and
Mr. Melvin Austin of this place, took place
on Wednesday the 20th inst., at Holy Cross
Church, Ovid. Miss Margaret Duffy, sister
of the bride was maid of honor. Mr. John
McKenna best man. Mrs. Austin received
great many beautiful and useful presents
from her friends. All unite in wishing
them happiness and prosperity.

Miss Mary Gavin is spending two weeks
at her home at Seneca Falls.

Miss Mary McArdle is visiting at her
home at Ovid.

Miss Kate Sones, an old resident of Ovid,
and an employee at Willard for years, has
been elected for Missouri the home of her
brother, where she will permanently live.

Lima.

Last Saturday a game of foot ball was
played on the Seminary campus between the
Lima eleven and the Spring Creek of Cal-
edonia. Score stood 58 to 0, in favor of the
Lima. Our team are putting up a splendid
record this year having lost but one game.

John Carroll and Bob Daniels of Roch-
ester, spent Sunday in Lima.

Miss Anna Shangnessy has gone to
Rochester, for a few days.

Rev. John Hickey of New York, visited
his father, Simon Hickey last week.

A concert is to be given in Brendan Hall
hall on the evening of November 9th, by the
Frank Smith Concert Troupe of
Buffalo. It is to be under the auspices of
the Hook and Ladder.

John O'Connell has purchased a fine new
bus which will be run regularly to the La-
high trains.

Sodus Point.

Miss Etta Mains has gone to Chicago, to
spend the winter with her aunt and uncle,
Mr. and Mrs. McCabe.

Mr. T. Elliot, of Newark, spent Sunday
here.

Mr. M. Shirte, a life-long resident of this
place died at his home last Friday from the
effects of a broken heart. He received the
injury over two years ago when he fell from
the tower of his dry house. Deceased is
survived by his widow, one son, and two
daughters. Interment at Brick Church in
Sodus Center.

Mrs. M. Farrell visited friends in New-
ark last week.

Corning.

Thomas Rogers, of this city, who is a
student at Niagara College and incidentally
a referee at some of the foot-ball games
played by that school's eleven, seems to be
a most loyal son to his Alma Mater. Some-
times the Buffalo papers "roast" him un-
mercifully lately for some of his decisions
and declare that he presents his team with
the game in the first half, as a usual thing.
On Saturday last it appears, Tom narrowly
escaped with his life, from Lancaster, where
he had been referee at a game. Chibs and
the boys were hung at his head and he was
otherwise ill-treated and chased by a mob
of about 100 men to his hotel. Sweet are the
words of the old saying, "Sweet are the words
of a mother, and what is life without
excitement."

James T. Sullivan was in Ithaca, Saturday,
to witness the Cornell-Princeton football
game.

On Thursday evening the St. Patrick's
Aid Society was entertained very pleasantly
at progressive euchre, by Miss Annie Mc-
Arty at her home, corner of Channing
street and East Erie avenues. Invitations
were sent to all who cared to aid the
cause of charity.

Miss Mary Reynolds and John Ryan were
united in marriage by Rev. Walter Lee on
Wednesday morning the 20th inst., at St.
Mary's church.

The first foot-ball game of the season in
Corning will occur Saturday, November 6th,
when the Elmira Free Academy boys will face
up against the Academy boys of this city.

The Corning Free Academy football team
was defeated at Massfield on Saturday, the
23rd inst., by the eleven of that place,
the score being 45 to 0.

A number of friends of the late Miss
Hattie Gorman, attended her funeral which
was held in Elmira Wednesday morning.
Among those from Corning who were pres-
ent were Mrs. J. McCarthy, Mrs. John
Healy, Miss Kate McCarthy, Mrs. Michael
Kelly, Miss Joe Hanley and Miss Nellie
Farrell and Messrs. Thomas Joseph, Wil-
liam and John Foley, Thomas Clark and
Martin Hanley. Those of the past services
were also from this city, John J. McArty,
William Kelly and John S. Kennedy.

Daniel Ryan and his theatrical company
drew large houses all week, and gave last
evening performances until Friday night when
they left the city. The company was com-
posed of the friendly and talented amateur
This play which seems like a dramatization
of a dime novel by "Old Sleuth" was inter-
esting and well acted. There was much blood
and thunder, and the audience were sloughed
by two and three, and early settlers had a
killing time of it. And through it all Mr.
Ryan in the character of "Nick" and in a
costume of Nix, save what looked like the
hide of a cow—that is the small part of
the hide—threw, as about as one would
throw a line, and carried away with his
bare shoulders, and spears and most in-
appropriate laughter from the gallery and
the pit. The play was repeated on Saturday
night much to the dismay of the audience
who had expected to see the "Iron Master."

Rochester.

Dr. T. Flood, and John Flanagan, of
Gorham, were in town Sunday.

Wm. Kelly who has been sick the past
week is better.

Miss Mary Hovey, and Miss Agnes
Mooney, of Canandaigua, spent Sunday
here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mooney, of Canan-
daigua, visited the latter's parents last week.
Work on the new village block commenced
last week. The contractors are John
Mooney of this place and Hugh Smith of
Canandaigua.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mooney, of Canan-
daigua, visited the latter's parents last week.

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