

## Art Institute Congresses.

CHICAGO, June 22.—There was a fair attendance to-day at most of the congresses in session at the Art Institute. This evening at the general union meeting in Columbus Hall the following addresses were delivered: "Essential Elements of a Monetary System," by R. M. Widney of Los Angeles, Cal.; "Governmental Regulation of Transportation and Its Practical Effects," by John W. Cary, General Counsel of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway; "Boards of Trade: Their History, Utility, Effect on Prices, Results to Producers, Results to Consumers," by William R. Tucker, Secretary of the Philadelphia Board of Trade; "Legitimate Profit in Life Insurance," by R. A. McCurdy, President of the New-York Mutual Life Insurance Company.

A meeting of delegates to the Congress of Bankers and Financiers has been called for 11 o'clock Saturday morning in Hall 3 of the Art Institute for the purpose of obtaining an expression of opinion as to the financial situation now prevailing in the country. Charles Parsons of St. Louis will preside, and Logan C. Murray of New-York will introduce the subject.

## New Plea for Sunday Closing.

CHICAGO, June 22.—To close the fair Sunday, Chief Justice Fuller and his final decision notwithstanding, is what R. M. Downie of Valencia, Penn., and some other exhibitors have undertaken.

A meeting of exhibitors was held yesterday at which it was decided to institute a suit enjoining the Columbian Exposition Company from opening the gates of Jackson Park on the Sabbath Day.

Mr. Downie says that the exposition management has broken its contract with the exhibitors by opening Sunday and the exhibitors will not submit to the imposition. Ex-Gov. Long of Massachusetts and Congressman McMillin of Tennessee are said to have been retained by Mr. Downie and his friends.

President T. F. Cragin of the Sabbath Observance Association sought District Attorney Milchrist yesterday for information concerning the further prosecution of the Sunday closing case. He was referred to Attorney General Olney, Mr. Milchrist saying that nothing further would be done by his office.

## Brooklyn Day Programme.

CHICAGO, June 22.—The programme for Brooklyn Day, as arranged, comprises an address of welcome by Mayor Harrison and a response by Mayor Boody of Brooklyn. Speeches will be made by William C. Bryant of the Brooklyn Times, St. Clair McKelway of the Brooklyn Eagle, M. L. Towns, the Rev. Dr. Talmage, and President Coffey of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen.

Following the speeches will come a grand choral concert by the Arion Society, the leading German singing organization of Brooklyn, in Festival Hall. A parade will follow. It is expected that about 3,500 Brooklynites will participate in the exercises. A banquet will conclude the celebration, at which the toasts "The Exposition," "Chicago," "The Press," "Brooklyn," and "Arion Society" will be responded to.

## Hunting for a Preacher.

CHICAGO, June 22.—President Higinbotham, to whom was referred the matter of inviting a minister to preach at the fair next Sunday with full power to act, is experiencing considerable difficulty in getting his man. He has been trying to find a prominent pastor for several days, but to-night he cannot say that he had received an acceptance.

"I want you to know as soon as I do whom I can get," said the President of the fair. "I am trying to find the man just now."

"Does that mean that you have received any declinations?"

"Please don't ask me that because I would not like to speak about what I have done until I can get a man to preach," said Mr. Higinbotham.

## Sang Wagner and Bach Music.

CHICAGO, June 22.—Eight hundred singers, picked from the Cincinnati Festival Association, the Milwaukee Arion Club, Minneapolis Choral Association, St. Louis Choral Society, and the St. Paul Choral Association, sang their part of Bach's "A Stronghold Sure" and a part of Wagner's "Lohengrin." Theodore Thomas directed the chorus and his orchestra of 150.

The solo parts were taken by Miss Emma Juch, soprano; Miss Lena Little, contralto; Edward Lloyd, tenor; George Ellsworth Holmes, baritone, and Emil Fischer, basso.

The concert was a creditable one throughout and much of an improvement over yesterday's performance.

## Pension Examiners Retained.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Eighty-seven special examiners of the Pension Office have been re-appointed, to take effect July 1. The law has always limited their appointments to one year, and the salary is reduced for the next fiscal year from \$1,400 to \$1,300. Among those re-appointed were the following:

*New-York.*—Clarence P. Barrett, Lemuel Bradley, John P. Canavan, Alfred F. C. Clement, Jacob A. Davis, John P. Fitzgerald, Joseph T. B. Hall, Charles F. Jenkins, John B. Stock, Edward F. Waite, and J. Madison Wells.

*New-Jersey.*—Rodney Chipp.

*Connecticut.*—Henry W. Vail.

The apportionment by States, according to the legal residence of those retained, is as follows: Louisiana, 1; Alabama, 1; Oregon, 1; Tennessee, 1; Mississippi, 1; Texas, 1; Wisconsin, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Connecticut, 2; Vermont, 2; Rhode Island, 2; Colorado, 2; North Carolina, 2; District of Columbia, 2; Kansas, 1; New-Jersey, 2; West Virginia, 3; Nebraska, 3; Maine, 3; Virginia, 3; Maryland, 4; Michigan, 4; Kentucky, 4; Iowa, 5; Missouri, 7; Illinois, 9; Ohio, 10; Pennsylvania, 11; Indiana, 14; New-York, 17; total, 120. Vacancies, 30. Number of special examiners authorized by law, 150.