

# HOOPER YOUNG'S TRIAL TO-DAY

His Lawyer Will Ask Further Delay—  
Prosecution Blames Mormon  
Friends and Relatives.

William Hooper Young, grandson of Brigham Young, will go on trial this morning before Justice D. Cady Herrick, in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court, on the charge of having murdered Mrs. Anna Nilsen Pulitzer last November. The trial may not proceed, however, for W. F. S. Hart, Young's counsel, will ask for delay on a number of grounds, one of them being that his client is physically unable to withstand the strain of the trial.

Assistant District Attorney Studin reiterated yesterday his statement regarding the disappearance of several witnesses, but said that nevertheless Young would be convicted. While Mr. Studin did not lay the disappearance of these witnesses directly at the door of the Mormon Church, he declared emphatically that the Mormon friends and relatives of the defendant were putting forth efforts to defeat the case of the prosecution. Mr. Studin pointed to an article which appeared over Young's name in the October number of *The Crusader*, the magazine edited in Hoboken by the prisoner and his friend Dixie Anzer. The article was headed "Sunrise in Hell," and in it, Mr. Studin said, there appeared more or less vague references to the "blood atonement" doctrine.

It was learned yesterday that, while the prosecution would not assume that this doctrine had any direct relation to the motive for the murder, it might be used to throw additional light on the tragedy. The "blood atonement" doctrine teaches that the soul of any Mormon who has gone back on his or her faith may be saved by the shedding of the blood of such a person as was the woman, and that the blessing thus conferred will reflect credit in the other world on the person who commits the deed.

According to Mr. Studin, the prosecution has proof positive that the murdered woman was a frequenter of Mormon meetings in this city and in her native town of Perth Amboy before her marriage, and that she once was on the point of becoming a convert to the Mormon faith.

Young's counsel said yesterday that his witnesses had been interfered with by the District Attorney's office.

"The conduct of Mr. Jerome and his assistants in this case has been very peculiar," he said. "I have learned that many of my witnesses have been sent for by the Assistant District Attorneys, who have questioned them apparently for the purpose of getting a line on the defense. The assistants have resorted to such means as shadowing my witnesses, and in some cases they have tried to veer them from testifying to what they have declared to be the truth in depositions now in my possession."

## HER 102D ANNIVERSARY.

Miss Rachel Martense, Flatbush's Oldest Resident, Has a Happy Birthday Party.

Quite the happiest woman in Flatbush yesterday was Miss Rachel Martense, its oldest resident, who was celebrating her one hundred and second birthday anniversary. As usual on such days, the centenarian arose early—at 7 o'clock—that she might be ready to receive her friends and neighbors. Nearly everybody in Flatbush knows Miss Martense, and the parlors of the old Storey homestead, at Flatbush Avenue and Linden Boulevard, where she lives, were filled with callers all day.

Miss Martense, who, despite her great age, is still bright and alert mentally, received the congratulations of her friends with happy smiles, and was greatly pleased with the fruit, flowers, and other gifts sent to her. To quite every one who offered congratulations she would ask:

"Do you think I look any older than I did last year?"

When told that she did not appear any older, she seemed delighted. She wore flowers in her hair, and was dressed in her very best in honor of the occasion. A feature of her birthday reception that appeared to please her most was the presence of many of the children of Flatbush. They came bringing flowers and congratulations to their venerable friend. As each of her guests was leaving the house Miss Martense would say:

"I hope to welcome you again on my next birthday."

## FORECLOSURES WITH A HISTORY.

State Funds Used in War of 1812 Afterward Loaned on Bronx Lots.

Auctioneer Philip A. Smyth sold at auction yesterday, in the County Court House, twenty-five lots in the Borough of the Bronx, under foreclosure proceedings instituted by "the Commissioners for Loaning Certain Moneys of the United States of the County of New York." All the lots but three, which were purchased at slight advances over the amounts of the judgments by William Nelson of 13 Chambers Street, were bought in by the State of New York at sums somewhat under the amounts due.

After the sale Mr. Smyth said that the different States advanced moneys to the Federal Government to defray the expenses of the war of 1812. The Federal Government repaid the sum contributed by New York State in 1837, and the State Government devoted the moneys so received to making advances to small owners of lands, or to enable would-be owners to purchase property. The advances were limited in every case to \$5,000, and the interest, which was fixed by statute at 5 per cent., was used to defray the expenses of schools.

Some of the lands sold yesterday are situated in Fordham, West Farms, and Westchester, and are known as part of the farm formerly belonging to Peter Valentine. Other parcels are on Creston Avenue and King's Bridge Road, White Plains Road, old White Plains Road, and Morris Park Avenue. The amounts loaned varied from \$1,400 to \$5,000, and the interest due varied from \$334.72 to \$93.73.

## Curate Kirkby Discharged in Court.

The Rev. Henry Kirkby, curate of All Soul's Episcopal Church, and Eugene Boyd of 257 West Twenty-fifth Street, who were arrested by Policeman Garvey, of the West Thirtieth Street Station, Monday night on the charge of fighting, were arraigned before Magistrate Flammer in Jefferson Market Court yesterday. At the station house the prisoners had made counter charges against each other. In court they withdrew their complaints and were discharged. The curate said Boyd had been intoxicated when they met. This was contradicted by the policeman.