

NEW COURT HOUSE PLANS

HANDSOME STRUCTURE FOR JUSTICES OF APPELLATE DIVISION.

Building in Madison Avenue Will Be Well Fitted for the Judges of the Supreme Court Division—Details of the Various Floors and the Arrangements Made to Suit the Members of the Bench and Bar and the Public.

Plans for a new Court House for the exclusive use of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court were approved yesterday at a meeting of the Sinking Fund Commission held in the Mayor's office. Corporation Counsel Scott was instructed to draw up a proper form of contract so that tenders might be received and the work begun as soon as possible.

The site for the Court House is at the northeast corner of Twenty-fifth Street and Madison Avenue, having a frontage of 150 feet on the street and 49 feet 4½ inches on the avenue. On this ground, at an estimated cost of \$650,000, will be placed an imposing and ornate structure of pure white marble from designs prepared by James Brown Lord.

The structure will consist of three stories and a basement, the height from the street to the top of the parapet being 56 feet. Its exterior will have numerous allegorical statues of an average height of 12 feet each. There will be a large portico on the Twenty-fifth Street side, where the main entrance is to be, and a smaller portico on

used for judicial consultations it is to be presumed that neither the public nor the lawyers will be admitted to the second floor, except on special occasions. The details of the interior decorations have not yet been fully worked out, but there will be plenty of marble statues and bas-reliefs from the indications in the drawings.

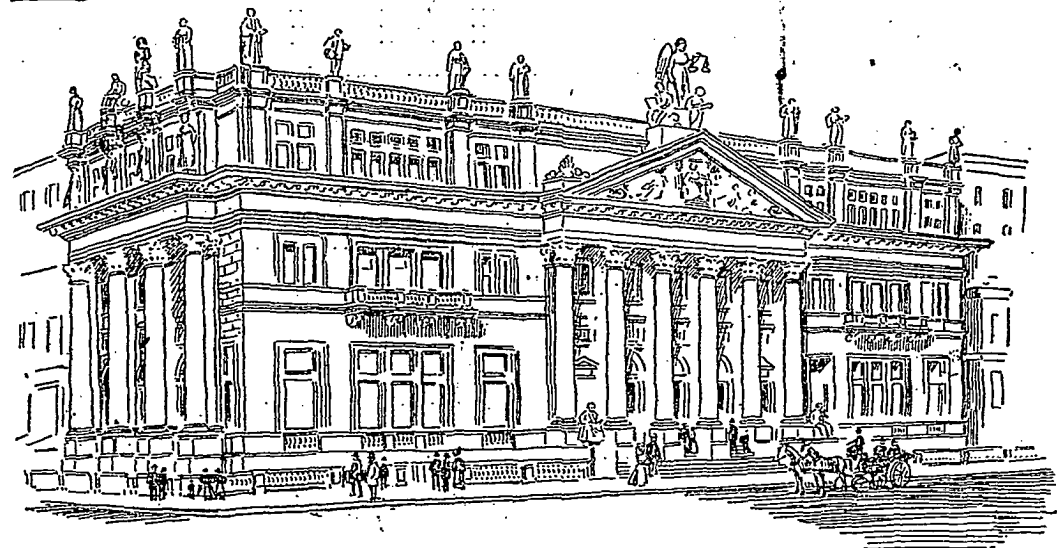
UNDER NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Business of Metropolitan and Westchester Lines Absorbed.

The New-York Telephone Company, which was recently organized by representatives of the American Bell Telephone Company, the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company, has formally taken over the business of the Metropolitan Telephone and Telegraph and Westchester Telephone Companies.

There will be no dissolution of the old corporations, but the business will be concentrated and managed by the New-York Telephone Company. The stock of the two old companies will participate equally in such dividends as the earnings will warrant.

The Metropolitan Company has for several years exercised exclusive rights, un-



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To be Used by the Justices of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

the Madison Avenue side. These porticoes will be composed of Corinthian columns surmounted by pediments.

The courtroom will occupy the main portion of the first floor. It will be a handsome chamber, 46 by 68 feet, with a ceiling 18 feet in height. It will be lighted by three large windows on its northern side and by a huge, flattened dome in the centre 30 feet in diameter. Above this dome will be a cylindrical light shaft of the same diameter, terminating at the roof in another glass dome.

The Judges will sit on a platform with a curved front, guarded by a balustrade and projected well into the chamber from its western end. The Clerk's desk will be below the Judges' bench, and the lawyers' seats will be so placed that they will speak standing under the dome.

Eugene E. McLean, the engineer to the Controller's office, has examined this part of the plan very carefully, and said yesterday that he was satisfied that the chamber would have good acoustic properties.

Besides the courtroom the first floor will contain a large room for the use of lawyers, the Clerk's offices, a stenographer's room, the grand entrance hall, and the stairways and elevator.

The second floor will be 14 feet in height and will contain the library, the Judges' private rooms, toilet rooms, attendants' rooms, and rooms for stenographers. The western end of the library will be used for consultations by the Judges. Each of the Judge's private rooms is not only spacious in itself, but has a large ante-chamber attached to it.

The third story will contain one Judge's private room, for which space could not be found on the second story; toilet rooms, a ladies' toilet room, janitor's apartments, and storage rooms. On this floor there will also be a complete men's outfit for the Judges, including a dining room, kitchen, and pantry.

The basement will be entered by steps leading down eight feet from the street, and will contain the public toilet rooms, attendants' rooms, and an engine room, which will project under the sidewalk. Underneath the basement will be a water-tight sub-cellar. The building will be fire-proof throughout.

While the plans for heating, lighting, and plumbing have not yet been worked out in detail, it has been decided that the method of heating will be by indirect radiation, with hot air under pressure from below and an exhaust vacuum above.

The plans were not drawn until after the Judges of the Appellate Division had been consulted, and their approval has been given to the designs when completed. One result of this co-operation between the future occupants and the architect has been the care taken to secure for the Judges the utmost privacy. They have a private entrance and private passageways and stairways leading to the first floor. Although there is only one elevator in the building, it has two doors, one of which opens out on the Judges' private corridor. From the fact that the library is to be

der a perpetual lease from the American Bell Telephone Company, to the telephone business within the City of New-York and its suburbs, its territory having a radius of thirty-three miles from the City Hall in all directions. The capital stock of the Metropolitan Company is \$3,500,000. The Westchester Company has been controlled by the Metropolitan since its organization.

The officers of the New-York Telephone Company are the same as the officers of the Metropolitan corporation, viz.: President—Charles F. Cutler; Vice President—Joseph P. Davis; Secretary—John H. Cahill, and Treasurer—William H. Driver. The executive offices of the Westchester Company, in Yonkers, will be abolished.

JOHN BRODIE INDICTED.

Sent Threatening Letters in the Name of a Collecting Agency.

The Kings County Grand Jury yesterday indicted John Brodie, manager of the Systematic Collecting Agency, for blackmail and for sending a threatening letter to John Davis, who owed one of Brodie's clients money. Brodie is the man who secured summonses for persons whom he wished to dun from Justice John C. Rhodes, against whom the Grand Jury Monday made a scathing presentment, recommending his impeachment, and suggesting his indictment by the next Grand Jury.

Mr. Brodie learned of his indictment and went to the office of the District Attorney and surrendered himself. He was taken before Judge Hurd in the County Court and released in \$1,000 bail for trial.

Justice John C. Rhodes yesterday said he was not interested in Brodie's operations. He issued summonses, he said, because Brodie could have compelled him by law to do so. He received fees for some of the summonses.

Nine Free Baths in Service.

Of the fifteen free baths of the city, nine were thrown open to the public yesterday. They are at the Battery, Market Street, West Fifteenth Street, East Fifty-first Street, West Fiftieth Street, West Twentieth Street, East One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street, East One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Street, and Port Morris. The other baths will be opened as soon as repairs are finished. Although the water was cold there was a rush of boys into the Battery bath as soon as it was opened, but the bathers, with few exceptions, did not avail themselves of the twenty minutes allowed to each. Enthusiasm was chilled at the other baths.