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Report on the Westchester County Bar Association's  
1st Banquet

### DEPEW TELLS A JURY STORY.

#### The Forman Asked for a Pass in Return for an Easy Verdict.

The Westchester Bar Association gave its first banquet last evening at the Murray Hill Hotel.

President Theodore H. Silkman, Surrogate of Westchester County, was toastmaster, and made the opening address in a case entitled on the programme "The Westchester County Bar Association vs. The New York Bar Association and the Brooklyn Bar Association." The President's address was in favor of the Westchester Association, and he was followed by Peter B. Olney and Albert G. McDonald, who respectively urged the claims of the New York and Brooklyn associations to distinction.

A portrait of Jackson O. Dykman, who went on the retired list a short time ago as Supreme Court Justice, but who was reappointed by Gov. Black to complete his term, was presented to the association in a speech by D. Wiley Travis of Peekskill. Judge Dykman thanked the members for the honor, and was followed by Dr. Chauncey M. Depew, who referred to some incidents of his early practice in Westchester County.

"I remember quite distinctly one of the damage suits instituted against the New York Central by a man who was injured by a train while I was attorney for the road," said Dr. Depew. "The case was very clear, and I made up my mind that my company would have to pay something like \$10,000 damages. The judgment was for \$700. I felt quite proud of this until the foreman of the jury, who was a man I had had occasion to 'use' while in politics, came to me and told me how it happened. 'Well, Cha'ncey,' he said, 'them galoots was for making you fellers pay \$15,000, but I made 'em compromise on \$700, an' say, how would a five-year pass do?' That is how I came to know that trial by jury is the palladium of liberty," concluded Dr. Depew.

In the next case Mr. W. W. Goodrich represented the Grand Order of the Bench, (limited,) and Mr. Isaac N. Mills the Brother of the Bar.

The portrait of Judge Dykman will be hung in the Court House at White Plains.