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ON THE EDGE OF ETERNITY.

THE SHORE LINE EXPRESS DERAILED ON THE NORWALK DRAWBRIDGE.

The Engine and Six Cars Went Off the Track, but Fortunately None Left the Bridge—The Passengers Thrown Out of Their Berths and a Few Jumped Into the Water—All Escaped.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., May 18.—The Shore Line owl which left Boston at 11 P. M. last night and was due in New York at 7 this morning, was derailed on the Norwalk drawbridge.

The engine, baggage and mail car, passenger coach and three sleepers were derailed.

It was an accident that appalled both passengers and railroad people. It occurred upon the spot where, thirty-five years ago, the draw was open and a score or more souls went off the bridge into eternity.

The engine is still off; also four of the cars. The train was on time and running rapidly. Since the appliance of a new system of signals no stop has been made at the drawbridge on this road. Upon approach to the iron draw the rails are not spiked, but fastened at the ends and lap together, so that when the draw is swung open the rails are lifted up by a lever to swing clear of each other. It was one of those rails which was out of place.

The engine was thrown upon the ties and bounded over them, dragging the train after it. The first sleeper was cantered over upon one side, the mail car, baggage car and the two last sleepers were hurled along over the draw, while beneath ran the deep river.

The wildest confusion and consternation seized the passengers. They were thrown out of their berths by the sleepers swaying and bounding over the ties. Men and women screamed, glass crashed, and the horror of toppling over into the river added to the terrible situation.

Just why the engine did not turn over to the right or left is not apparent. The ties are ripped and crushed. Originally they were about two feet apart. Now they are bundled together.

A rush was made for the doors by the half-dressed passengers. To jump from the train was to leap into the water. A few made the dive and were afterwards fished out.

The thundering of the train as it ripped and crashed on the drawbridge was heard by people going to their early occupations. A general rush was made to the bridge, and assistance freely given to extricate the frightened passengers from the tottering cars.

It was 9 o'clock before the wrecking train arrived from New Haven. From the dangerous position of the heavy express engine and the sleeping-coaches, it will take all day to jack-up and remove them to the land.

No trains from New York could pass the bridge till 9.30.

All trains are being run on the east-bound track. The New York papers did not get beyond the accident until 9.30.

GOV. HILL'S BIG BOOM.

Clubs to Be Formed Outside of the Machines to Urge His Renomination.

The announcement that David B. Hill clubs were being formed throughout the State for the purpose of booming his renomination, has made his supporters in this city and Brooklyn happy, and they propose to see to it that there are at least one hundred Hill clubs at this end of the State.

It is understood that every district Labor organization is to be turned into a Hill campaign club; that the Democrats in the Grand Army and Veteran and Volunteer Firemen's associations are to form clubs to stand by the Governor, who signed laws for the benefit of the veterans of war and fires; that clerks, salesmen and bookkeepers are to organize Hill clubs by the score because he proved himself their friend by vetoing the Saturday Half-Holiday Repeal enactment.

The people who propose to organize Hill clubs in this city are not politicians and those who are in charge of the movement say that the clubs will be organized outside of the regular machines.

It is thought that at least nine-tenths of the followers of Tammany Hall and nearly every supporter of the County Democracy who is not a leader or a leader's appointment to an office are strongly in favor of Gov. Hill's renomination.

There is no doubt that the County Democracy leaders are opposed to Gov. Hill having another term. They opposed his nomination in 1885.

If Hill clubs are formed in this city, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Albany, Troy, Syracuse, Rochester and in every rural Assembly district, a State league of Hill clubs may be formed. If Hill should be renominated the clubs might be changed to Cleveland and Hill clubs.

Feed for Fire Engines and Fire Horses.

The Fire Commissioners this morning received bids for supplying the department with 5,000 tons of coal. The following estimates were submitted: S. G. French, $20,400; G. W. Winant & Son, $21,-250, and William Terhune, $21,300. John Mooney offered to supply for $11,400 45,000 pounds of hay, 80,000 pounds of straw, 4,000 bags of oats and 2,000 bags of bran.

To Have Woman Deacons.

At this morning's session of the General Methodist Conference a recommendation from the Committee on Missions was adopted providing for the formation of an order of women similar to the Sisters of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The women will be known as deaconesses.

Held for Assaulting Mr. Eldridge.

James Judge, the waiter at the Hotel Vendome who has been in jail two weeks for assault upon President Frederick G. Eldridge, of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, a guest at the hotel, was held by Justice Duffy at the Jefferson Market Court this morning for trial.

Funeral Day at the Morgue.

To-day is funeral day at the Morgue. Fifty-four bodies were placed this morning on the steamer Fidelity and taken to the city cemetery on Hart's Island. Thirty-one were bodies of adults and twenty-three of children.

President Corrigan's Resignation.

NEWARK, May 18.—The resignation of the Rev. J. H. Corrigan, brother of Archbishop Corrigan, as President of Seton Hall College took effect yesterday. He was obliged by ill-health to retire.

PROGRAMS of the colors, flags and coats-of-arms of all nations packed with HONBON "LOUIS CIGS," the best five-cent tobacco.

PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES.

Some of the Pupils Who Reflect Credit on Nos. 79, 4, 34 and 15.

A bright lot of pupils will be graduated from the public schools this spring. The names of many of them have already been given in THE EVENING WORLD'S list of probable graduates. The list for to-day includes the pupils of Nos. 79, 4, 34 and 15.

Grammar School No. 79 is located at 42 First street. The male department is in charge of H. C. Litchfield, who has been thirty years in the service. The graduating class is taught by P. H. Beemer. His pupils number forty-one, as follows:

Louis Albrecht, Adolph Bauer, Martin Bley, Valentine Brull, Edward Julius Dahin, Ernest Erdmann, Nicholas Fehlinger, John Feldmann, Frank John Friedman, Joseph Friedman, Anthony Gruenthal, Frank Hahn, David Harburger, Alex. Henselelt, John Hoefling, Henry Johansen, Adam Kalb, Andrew Kolb, Henry Kuestner, William Kuntz, Alexander Lackner, William Edward Lemke, William Herrman Lindemann, Alfred Michaelis, Charles Miller, James Murphy, William Naumann, Henry Nell, Samuel Patterson, Charles Pfeifer, Samuel Praeger, Henry Quentine, Benjamin Reass, Charles Rosenwasser, George Suss, Frederick Schaeffer, Martin Schuh, John Slavin, Leonard Tranfield, Leo Underdorfer, George Wohr.

The male classes in Grammar School No. 4 are presided over by J. D. Demilt, who has been a Principal for thirty-eight years and fifty years in the services. Dubois B. Frisbee teaches the graduating class of boys. His scholars are:

David Hyman, Henry Schoeppner, Jacob Breslauer, William J. Gemeiner, William Landsman, Benjamin Freedman, Louis W. Klein, Louis Rosenthal, Joseph Grohman, Henry Krakoner, Alex Rosenbaum, Morris Lowenberg, Conrad Kornreich, Joseph Frank, Moses Duckman, Herman Judkowitz.

Miss Jeanette Robertson has been Principal of the girls' department for the past thirteen years. Miss Sarah J. Burke is an excellent teacher. She also has served for a number of years. The misses in her class are:

Lily Antonius, Minnie Antonius, Fanny Buchenholz, Belle Black, Frances Byk, Celia Ehrmann, Pauline Granitzer, Rachel Gellert, Tillie Heidlinger, Annie Hauser, Matilda Haffner, Frieda Huntemann, Annie Krust, Katie Mott, Harriet Metzger, Henrietta Morris, Fannie Nemvirth, Rachel Phillips, Mamie Rosett, Tillie Rosett, Euphemia Sullivan, Carrie Sullivan, May Vincent, Maude Vincent, Julia Weiss.

In Grammar School No. 34 Henry C. Martin is Principal of the male department. He says that he has read the morning and evening editions of THE WORLD ever since they were established. The graduating class is under the teaching of Charles F. Hartman. These are the boys that he is going to send to college for examination:

Charles J. A. Goebel, Michael Francis Brophy, Jacob Kahn, William Ziegler, Charles Hoffner, Eugene Joseph Ward, John Patrick Nugent.

Miss A. M. Tremper is Principal of the female department. Miss McDonald is the teacher of the graduating class. Her pupils are:

Anna Brooks, Emmeline Canty, Betsey Friedenberg, Grace Granger, Rosa Goldwasser, Louisa Jaeck, Fannie Kahn, Mary Kett, Amelia Loeb, Rachel Langerman, Maggie McGuire, Katie Miller, Mary Maim, Estella Moloney, Minnie Mintz, Frances Schwaninger, Lena Witt, Annie Wilson, Nettie Watson, Frieda Thomson.

KERR'S JURY COMPLETED.

The Last Talesman Accepted After a Few Questions—The Trial to Begin Monday.

Half an hour after court opened this morning, the two vacant places in the jury box in the trial of Thomas B. Kerr for the Broadway Railroad bribery had been filled and the District-Attorney announced himself satisfied. After a consultation between Congressman Cockran, Col. Fellows, and Judge Patterson, juror Downs was excused.

A substitute was found after an hour's search, and both sides said they were satisfied with the jury. The jurors were:

1. CORNELIUS HOWLAND, carpets, 145 West Twelfth street.
2. ROBERT A. SCHROEDER, cigars, 7 Essex street.
3. EDWARD S. SIMONS, jeweller, 1985 Fourth avenue.
4. REUBEN KRAUS, salesman, 647 Broadway.
5. GEORGE S. HUNTINGTON, agent, 229 Broadway.
6. PHILIP S. MINTON, publisher, 39 East Thirty-third street.
7. HENRY C. LEFEVRE, real estate, 478 Second avenue.
8. ADOLPH ADELMAN, tobacconist, 625 Eighth avenue.
9. PAUL HAHN, china, 263 Greenwich street.
10. JAMES J. KELLY, stationer, 264 Sixth avenue.
11. JAMES DORNAN, stables, 220 Ninth avenue.
12. WILLIAM A. TREFFENBERG, broker, 162 West Ninety-ninth street.

The last juror chosen, Mr. Adelman, was merely asked if he knew any of the men concerned in the boodle cases. He was not asked concerning any opinion he might have or as to how he regarded informers.

Court was then adjourned until Monday, when the trial will begin.

WILL THEY BOYCOTT THE "Q" ROAD?

Significant Moves by the Strikers and Their Sympathizers.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

CHICAGO, May 18.—The *Tribune* says an attempt is being made to have a general boycott declared against the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road.

The proceedings of a mass-meeting attended by employees of all roads centring in Chicago have been kept secret. Chairman Hoge says it was to protest against the new "Q" employees carrying revolvers, but it is said steps were taken for an amalgamation of the employees of all the Chicago roads.

Yesterday the Grievance Committee of the Brotherhood had a secret meeting, every division of the road being represented. A call was issued summoning the members of the Grievance Committees of all the Western roads to Chicago. Chief Arthur says: "You will have to await developments. I can simply say that the strike is not over."

Told by Workingmen.

The concert for the benefit of the brewers last night at Wendel's Hall was a financial success.

The Building Trades' Section will meet to-night at 145 Elizabeth street, when important business will be discussed.

The Elks' Association of Cattle Butchers, will give its annual picnic at Brommer's Union Park to-morrow afternoon and evening.

Louis Walder, of Cigar-Makers' International Union No. 144, was chairman at the meeting of the Tobacco Trades Section last night.

The Dreadnaught Association of tobacco-workers has been suspended from the Tobacco Trades Section for non-attendance and non-payment of dues.

An important matter was discussed in the Tobacco Trades Section last night, but was laid over until the next meeting. The secretary was instructed not to furnish any report of it.

Cigar-Makers' International Unions Nos. 10 and 144 have removed to Beethoven Hall for the reason that pool beer is sold at Schultz's Hall, in Avenue A, where they formerly held their meetings.

The case of Harry Schottlander, a former member of the Cigar-Makers' International Union, has been presented to the Grand Jury. He is charged with obtaining $8 under false pretenses, by representing that he was entitled to strike benefit when he was at work earning wages at the time.

Local News Condensed.

Charles Nelson, aged forty, of 316 East Eighty-third street, was found dead by a policeman on the corner of Eighty-fourth street and Second avenue at 9 o'clock this morning. Apoplexy is supposed to be the cause. The body was removed to the station-house at East Eighty-eighth street.

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LILLIAN E. SCOFIELD FREE.

DISCHARGED THIS AFTERNOON BY JUDGE LAWRENCE.

De Lancey Nicoll, Her New Counsel, Takes Her Case Into the Supreme Court and Gets Her Discharge—The District-Attorney's Assistant Makes No Opposition—Is Brother-in-Law Ferris's Bail Good?

There were barely a score of persons in the Supreme Court Chambers at 3 o'clock this afternoon, when Mrs. Lillian Scofield came before Judge Lawrence on an application made by her counsel, De Lancey Nicoll, for her discharge from custody for want of evidence that she was responsible for Broker Hatch's death.

She was accompanied by Sergt. Holbrow, of the House of Detention.

To Clerk Von Gerichten, of the District-Attorney's office, who also accompanied her, she said just before she reached the Court-House:

"I feel confident that I shall be discharged without being required to give bail, because there is not the slightest evidence against me. I shall never go back to the house in Twentieth street again. I could not bear the sight of that yard. The horrible tragedy connected with it will always haunt me. Poor young man! He didn't deserve such a fate. I would rather a hundred times have died in his place."

When Mr. Nicoll rose to make his plea for the prisoner the court-room was crowded, and necks were craned in every direction to catch a glimpse of Mrs. Scofield as she sat in the corner with her custodian.

Mr. Nicoll said the commitment of Coroner Levy was void because it not only charged her with a crime and then committed her to the House of Detention, but that it was practically in form a sentence for life. He therefore asked for her discharge on these grounds alone.

Assistant District-Attorney Lindsey said that while there was no doubt as to the wisdom of the Coroner in holding Mrs. Scofield, it was admitted that the commitment procedure had been irregular and void, and he consented to the discharge of the prisoner.

Judge Lawrence thereupon ordered her discharge and she left the court-room in company with her counsel.

W. K. Mills, Ferris's bondsman, is to be brought before Coroner Levy this afternoon to show if he really owns the property which he swore was his. He explains the affidavit of Lawyer Ennover, to the effect that John C. Van Loon, George T. Capron and others own the property, by saying that the title is in dispute in the Supreme Court.

A letter from San Francisco in a woman's hand, and signed "M. B," was received by Coroner Levy to-day. The writer claims an intimate knowledge of Mrs. Scofield's career for many years. She says Mrs. Scofield was born in Liverpool in 1843 of Irish parents and went to California when quite young. Several larcenies, two attempts at blackmailing, an assault on a woman with a poker and cruelty to a younger sister are among the offences charged by the writer against Mrs. Scofield.

WHO'S FOUND AN OLD MAN?

Herman Otten Anxiously Sought by His Three Children.

LOST—An old man; tall; gray coatee, light blue eyes; poorly dressed; Derby hat; age, 60. Kindly take to his home, 118 East 119th st.

Herman Otten is the missing man.

As pleasant an old gentleman as you would care to meet, he is described to be, and you might talk with him a good while without discovering that he was not all right in his head.

He lived in a third-story flat at the address given. With him resided his three daughters—May, Emma and Annie—and his son George.

Emma is delicate, and stayed at home with her father, while the others went to their daily employment. She was with him Wednesday evening at about 7 o'clock, when the old gentleman muttered something about going home, and, getting his hat quickly, left the room. He wore an old, short coat, had no overcoat, and didn't even take his cane, without which he was hardly able to walk.

The daughter supposed he would linger about the door, or at best would move off but slowly. She followed him as soon as she could get ready, for he had on one occasion strayed far away and it was not safe to let him go alone. She got downstairs a few minutes after him and found that he was already out of sight.

Since then he has not been seen by his anxious children.

A general alarm was sent over the police wires yesterday, and the son and daughter, in their anxious search, have visited the hospitals. They even called, shudderingly, this morning at the Morgue. The sick daughter, though scarcely able to do so, has joined in the search.

Mr. Otten was formerly in the employ of the "L" road company as a watchman, but had to leave his employment because of this trouble with his head. He has been subject to epileptic fits. He has a brother downtown, but no other people except his children.

A policeman saw an old man, who is supposed to have been Mr. Otten, go down Fourth avenue and stop to watch some blasting operations near One Hundred and Sixteenth street. With this incident all trace of the missing man stops.

JERSEY CENTRAL'S CLEAN SWEEP.

Numbers of Conductors Discharged for Not Issuing Duplex Tickets.

A number of the passenger conductors on the New Jersey Central, between Jersey City and Wilkesbarre, were dismissed yesterday and other discharges followed to-day. It is in fact almost a clean sweep of the ticket punchers.

President Maxwell says that the men who have been dismissed disobeyed the rule ordering that duplex tickets be issued to passengers paying their fares on the trains.

The dismissals are the result of a long and patient investigation by "spotters."

An "L" Road for the Hub.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

BOSTON, May 18.—The Governor has signed the Meigs Elevated Railroad bill, and the last step toward securing rapid transit for Boston has just been taken. Meigs will probably begin the construction of his "L" road at once.

New York Markets.

WHEAT.—June options opened at 97⅞c.—¼c. below last night's closing quotation. Subsequently the quotation advanced to ⅝c., but just before noon dropped to the opening quotation. Market steady.

COTTON.—Futures opened at unchanged prices. May, 9.83; June, 9.87; July, 9.97; Aug., 10.06; Sept., 9.68; Oct., 9.44; Nov., 9.34; Dec., 9.35; Jan., 9.42; Feb., 9.50; March, 9.58. Market dull. Liverpool dull but steady.

COFFEE.—Coffee opened at last night's closing quotations. May, 15.70; June, 15.15; July, 12.70; Aug., 12c.; Sept., 11.40; Oct., 11.05; Nov., 10.80; Dec., Jan., Feb., March, 10.85; April, 10.90. Market steady. Hamburg and Havre markets quiet.

PETROLEUM.—Pipe Line certificates opened stronger at 89½c.—3 points above last night's closing quotation. After the opening, however, the quotation weakened to 88⅝c., but just before noon oil was quoted at 89⅜c.

MONDAY AND THE NEWSBOYS.

They Will Have Good Reason to Remember Each Other.

On Monday next the newsboy baseball campaign will open in New York in earnest.

On the morning of that day the Brooklyn WORLD team will cross the bridge in the glory of a previously very successful career and of a then very new uniform, prepared to do a diamond battle with the knights of the bat who represent THE EVENING WORLD.

The two nines, headed by a band, will participate in a parade from THE WORLD Building up to the Polo Grounds, where the game will be called promptly at 10 o'clock.

For the general public to witness the interesting game, grand stand tickets will be sold at the grounds at 25 cents each.

For the newsboys who sell THE WORLD, different arrangements have been made. Special admission tickets have been issued for them, which are ready for free delivery to them to-day. They are in charge of the Superintendent of the Mail and Delivery Department, to whom all applications for the tickets must be made.

No more interesting game of baseball, unless it be that with the Detroit *Journal* nine on June 9, will be played on the Polo Grounds this season.

No newsboy should miss the game, and if other people are as mindful as they should be of their own pleasures, the grand stand, as well as the field outside the ropes, will be filled with spectators.

The proceeds of the game, like those on June 9, will go to the members of the contending nines, in equitable division.

Challenges from nines in and out of the city are pouring in upon THE EVENING WORLD boys in such numbers as to make it impossible for all of them to receive attention. Games at present arranged for include one at Washington Park, Brooklyn, to-morrow morning, that at the Polo Grounds on Monday morning, and another at Washington Park on Friday morning, May 25. No other games will be arranged for in the coming week, as the time will be given to practice play and coaching.

The Boston *Globe* sends word that its nine will meet THE EVENING WORLD boys at Springfield or play them at Boston, and in the latter event, will see that they all have a good time.

To-morrow night the boys will indulge in another piece of theatrical dissipation, crossing the bridge to attend with their Brooklyn companions the performance by Corinne at the Brooklyn Theatre.

Catcher Smith's disability, which came near being costly yesterday, will soon be removed, and Catcher Donigan also expects before long to don the gloves again.

It is evident that the Pittsburg *Leader* "midgets" are able to do gigantic work in the field. On Monday they biotted out by a score of 64 to 5 a nine called the Chatham Stars, the members of which had dared to speak openly and sneeringly of the ability of the "midgets."

The Detroit *Journal* boys in a picture make "a splendid group," according to the photographer who aimed his camera at them. Wait until THE EVENING WORLD nine blossoms out in front of the taking machine!

Interest in newsboys generally is heightened by the special baseball events in contemplation. Herman Sulzer, of the Harlem Park, Casino, &c., writes to THE EVENING WORLD offering the free use of all his buildings and grounds for a newsboy fête on July 6.

"I think the little fellows will enjoy it," writes Mr. Sulzer. And so they will.

The Standing of the Clubs Yesterday.

League.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.	Association.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Chicago	4	1	.800	Cincinnati	11	5	.782
Boston	15	7	.681	St. Louis	14	6	.700
Detroit	14	8	.619	Brooklyn	17	7	.611
New York	11	8	.578	Athletic	10	12	.454
Philadelphia	8	11	.421	Baltimore	10	11	.476
Pittsburg	8	12	.400	Cleveland	8	15	.348
Indianapolis	7	14	.333	Louisville	8	16	.333
Washington	3	17	.150	Kansas City	4	17	.190

Among the Amateurs.

The Comets, of Yorkville, hereby challenge all clubs under seventeen. Address J. Gillis, 1654 First avenue, New York City.

The Corinne Juniors will challenge any nine from sixteen to eighteen years of age. Address M. Dugan, 337 East Sixty-fourth street.

A young man, nineteen years of age, formerly with Lenox Baseball Club, would like to join a good nine. Address—H. H., 151 Orchard street, City.

The Brooklyn Blues challenge any nine from fifteen to seventeen years of age from $3.50 to $5 a side. Address Capt. Carr, 15 State street, Brooklyn.

The Montrose Baseball Club has organized for 1888 and challenges all nines under seventeen years old. Address James Byrnes, Captain, 565 Third avenue, New York.

The Chelsea Baseball Club would like to arrange games for Saturdays and Sundays with clubs whose players average eighteen years. Address Philip Bradr, 808 West Thirty-ninth street, city.

The Original Diamonds defeated the Acmes, of Weehawken, by the score of 11 to 9 on last Sunday. They would like to hear from clubs under seventeen; also nines claiming the name of Diamonds. Address P. Dougherty, 437 West Seventeenth street.

The Young Mets of Elizabeth, N. J., are now ready to receive challenges from all uniformed clubs between the ages of thirteen and fifteen years, the Young Metropolitans of New York preferred. Address Thomas Forsythe, Secretary, 129 Washington avenue, Elizabeth, N. J.

The Corinne Baseball Club have organized for the season of 1888, with following players: C. Parini, p.; J. Parini, c.; J. Tierney, 1st b.; H. Beatty, 2d b.; C. Young, 3d b.; E. Smith, c. f.; T. Malone, r. f.; B. Keeler, l. f.; J. Sullivan, s. s. We will play Corinne nine of Brooklyn this Thursday, May 17, in Brooklyn.

The Alliance Baseball Club have reorganized for the fourth season, and challenge all nines over sixteen for $10 or more. Joseph D. Prager, p., and captain; R. Rosenthal, c.; F. Cohen, 1st b.; D. L. Prager, 2d b.; D. Cohen, 3d b.; R. Prager, s. s.; A. Asker, l. f.; E. Prager, c. f.; R. Rosenthal, r. f. Address—Joseph Prager, 31 Delancey street, City.

The Adelphias defeated the East New Yorks by a score of 7 to 2. We would like to hear from all nines from the ages of fourteen to sixteen. Following are the players: F. Hughes, p.; Clavion, c.; R. Vandall, 1st b.; Peckahent, 2d b.; J. Price, 3d b.; John Price, s. s.; B. Clark, c. f.; Howard, r. f.; Joe Lane, l. f. Address R. Vandall, 121 Adelphi street, Brooklyn.

The Semi-Professional League meet to-night at 187½ Bleecker street to make a schedule and select umpires for the coming championship. The following clubs have already entered: The Flushings, Gorhains, Acmes, Domestics, of Newark; Senators, Atlantic, Allerton club, Hidg-wood and Carlstadt, New Jersey, would like to enter this team, but they must enter to-night, as everything will be completed. The park owners will make a strong effort to have the Orchards, of Greenpoint, entered, and they will probably succeed.

Tenement Houses Were in Danger.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

BOSTON, May 18.—Spontaneous combustion started a lively blaze at 3 o'clock this morning in the big jute mill of Adams & Co., South Boston. Three alarms were sent in, but the firemen only succeeded in saving adjoining crowded tenements. Loss, $50,000; covered by insurance.

How to Select a Wife.

Good health, good morals, good sense and good temper, are the four essentials for a good wife. These are the indispensables. After them come the minor advantages of good looks, accomplishments, family position, &c. With the first four, married life will be comfortable and happy. Lacking either, it will be in more or less a failure. Upon good health depends largely good temper and good looks and, to some extent, good sense also, as the best mind must be affected more or less by the weaknesses and whims attendant on frail health. Young man, if your wife is falling into a state of invalidism, first of all things try to restore her health. If she is troubled with debilitating female weaknesses, buy DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION. It will cure her.

SIFTING THAT SCANDAL.

THE SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS BEGIN THEIR INVESTIGATION.

Robert McMaster Thinks He Knows Who Wrote the Anonymous Letter to Miss Dodge—Miss Mason at Her Post of Duty and Silent Pending the Inquiry—Supt. Jasper Wants a Full Examination.

Unusual interest has been excited by the attack upon the honor of Miss Virginia Mason, a teacher of Grammar School No. 35, in the canvass of Supt. Jasper's opponents to prevent his retention at the head of the public school system of the city.

Miss Mason's character has been vindicated by the Trustees of the Fifteenth Ward, after what they declared to be a full and searching investigation of the charges of immorality preferred against her, and now she is to undergo another ordeal in the investigation of the charges against Supt. Jasper, which began this afternoon before the special committee appointed Wednesday for that purpose.

Robert W. McMaster, the Washington Market poultry dealer, with whom Miss Mason is alleged to have been unduly intimate, was seen at his office by an EVENING WORLD reporter this morning.

He is a large, rather handsome man with a black mustache. He spoke freely of his relations with Miss Mason, saying:

"This is an atrocious attack upon the character of a virtuous woman to further political ends. Miss Dodge went to my wife and our servant and represented to them that their honor was at stake and secured from them the affidavits which have been referred to in this matter. She also placed detective spies on Miss Mason.

"I don't know Supt. Jasper, but if Miss Dodge did all this to secure his removal I think she has rather helped him.

"With reference to my relations with Miss Mason, I have known her family intimately for many years. I knew her father before he died, and have been on terms of friendship with her brother. Miss Mason herself was a bosom friend of my wife until, all at once, two or three years ago, their friendly relations ceased. I considered it one of those inexplicable women's quarrels, without reason, and did not allow it to interfere with my friendly relations with the Masons."

Trustee Emerson Foote had suggested that there might be some mystery shared jointly by the McMasters and Miss Mason. Mr. McMaster said: "If there is any mystery it will all be explained if I am allowed to testify before the Investigating Committee of the Board of Education."

He thought that he knew the writer of the anonymous letters which first brought the case to the attention of Miss Grace H. Dodge.

Miss Mason, a brunette whose face expressed self-reliance, was found by the reporter at Grammar School No. 35.

She was modestly attired. Her fine black eyes had a weary expression, as if the scandal of the past week had worn upon her and deprived her of her rest.

Under the directions of the trustees she said that she had concluded to say nothing for publication, but to reserve her story for the investigating committee.

She was greatly pained that she should have become the victim of such a scandal, but was pleased to see that the newspapers were treating her fairly, and was extremely gratified to learn that the trustees had fully exonerated her, after investigation of the charges.

Supt. Jasper said this morning that he would insist that the investigation of his conduct be not confined to the Miss Mason incident alone. He proposes that the question of his official conduct and his capacity shall be fully inquired into.

Regarding the charge that the committee to investigate him had been packed he said that two of its members had told him they would support him. He does not know the minds of the others in the matter.

THE FELLOWCRAFT CLUB.

Possession Taken of the New Club-House and Officers Elected.

The Fellowcraft Club took possession last night of its new club-house, in West Twenty-eighth street, formerly occupied by the Republican Club. There was lively interest in the election of officers and no fewer than 161 votes were cast out of a total membership of 200. These gentlemen were elected: President, Richard Watson Gilder of the *Century Magazine*; Vice-President, Charles Jay Taylor; Secretary, Robert G. Butler; Treasurer, George F. Foster; Governors, John Foord, Julian Ralph, Edward A. Dithmar, Ballard Smith, Frank M. White, Earl D. Berry, Arthur F. Bowers, Julius Chambers and William B. Bininger.

The result of the contest at the polls was made known at a general meeting presided over by Mr. John Foord, of Harper's. Mr. Gilder was escorted to the chair by Mr. Julian Ralph and Mr. Franklin File, and was greeted with hearty applause.

The Fellowcraft Club is the result of a movement to unite, for purposes of social intercourse, the artists and men who contribute to the periodical literature of the day. The efforts of the promoters met with a prompt response. The membership, includes writers and artists from every great newspaper and magazine in this city.

All in Honor of the King's Birthday.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

BARCELONA, May 18.—Great popular demonstrations attend the celebration of infant King Alfonso's birthday here to-day. The fleets of all the European powers and the Mediterranean Squadron of the United States are in the harbor, and representatives of all the foreign legations at Madrid have arrived in town. When the Queen Regent appeared at the Hotel de Ville with the King in her arms there was great cheering. Among the distinguished personages present are the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh.

The Arrest of Robert L. Kelly.

Robert L. Kelly, a stock speculator, who was arrested last night in the suit of H. B. Hollins & Co., bankers, is indebted to the firm, it is claimed, to the extent of $7,594.17. The bankers alleged that Kelly, in order to fraudulently obtain credit with them, assigned to them $10,000 in purchase-money mortgages on Wisconsin real estate that was nearly worthless.

Tried to Drown Herself.

Julia Nedergang, thirty-two years of age, of 339 East Forty-Second street, attempted to drown herself by jumping into the East River at the foot of Forty-eighth street at noon to-day. She was rescued by the police and was sent to Believue Hospital. Too much whiskey.

Misfit Clothing.

No person would imagine the magnitude of the trade done by the MISFIT PARLORS at Nos. 1 and 3 Prince st., near Bowery, but when you see them selling FINE CUSTOM-MADE SUITS from $5, bought from the best tailors, and TROUSERS from $1 up, it is no surprise that they are doing such an immense business, and have compelled the ready-made clothing houses to enlarge their advertisements. Such an astonishing house deserves being patronized. They are open evenings.

RACING EXTRA

RAINY RACING.

A Nasty Day at the Brooklyn Jockey Club Track.

Ban Cloche, Exile, Peril, Specialty, Joe Lee and Lottery Win.

NO ONE HAD A TICKET ON BAN CLOCHE.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

GRAVESEND RACE TRACK, May 18.—There was a much better attendance at the Brooklyn Jockey Club's meeting to-day, and the grand stand and paddock were filled. In fact, the attendance was better than could possibly have been expected with so small a "card" and such wretched weather.

Serious charges are about to be preferred against the young man who has had in charge the securing of suitable weather for this year's spring meeting of the club. The spectators could stand rain two days out of the first three, but when this young man, in attempting to spread the fourth day's sports before the club's patrons on a nice cool day, opened the crack a little wide and let in a draught from Greenland's icy mountains, it was too much, and if the charges of incompetency are sustained another weather clerk will certainly be obtained.

The track was in much better state than on any of the previous days, the driving and thorough working with a revolving harrow doing wonders. A slight shower before the first race, for which Fenelon was given around as "a sure thing," did not seem to affect it to any degree.

E. Berry Wall was one of the visitors. If one mutuel ticket had been sold on Ban Cloche it would have paid $630.

A spectator who drew even more attention than Berry Wall was Gus Guerrero, who sported a fine gold watch just presented him by his backer, Donald Burns. Guerrero leaves for Philadelphia tomorrow to make a six-day race with Albert, open to the world for a sweepstakes of $500 each.

FIRST RACE.

Purse $600, for three-year-olds and upward; entrance, $20 each, to the second; winning penalties; non-winning and maiden allowances; one mile.

Ban Cloche, 103 ..... (Hayward, Jr.) 1
Longlight, 104 ..... (Rafferty) 2
Fenelon, 108 ..... (Martin) 3
Choctaw, 115 ..... (Brennan) 0
Al Reed, 108 ..... (Littlefield) 0
Valiant, 108 ..... (Palmer) 0
Alaric, 105 ..... (Doane) 0
Raveller, 105 ..... (Church) 0

Time—1.48¾. Betting—Fenelon, 7 to 10; Alaric, 6 to 1; Al Reed and Valiant, 8 to 1; Choctaw and Longlight, 10 to 1; Raveller, 12 to 1; Ban Cloche, 15 to 1. For a Place—Alaric, 7 to 5; Valiant, 2 to 1; Choctaw and Al Reed, 3 to 1; Longlight, 4 to 1; Raveller, 5 to 1; Ban Cloche, 7 to 1. Pools—Field, $50; Fenelon, $50.

The Race.—The spectators on the lawn took walking exercise, and some of them warming up canters as the horses got ready to start. The atmosphere was like that in November. The start was made with a celerity only reached on a winter's day. Longlight and Choctaw got away a little in advance of the bunch. Ban Cloche and Longlight had the advance going around the first turn, with Choctaw coming up. The leaders held their own around the turn into the straight and captured the place. Longlight was third. No mutuel tickets were sold on the winning horse; $8.95 was paid on Fenelon, the money going to the second horse. It was William Hayward, jr.'s first winning mount.

SECOND RACE.

Handicap sweepstakes at $25 each, $101 if declared, with 1,000 added, of which $200 to the second; mile and a furlong.

Exile, 117 ..... (Taylor) 1
Brown Duke, 106 ..... (Martin) 2
Le Logos, 100 ..... (Ostler) 3
The Bourbon, 110 ..... (Palmer) 0
Klamath, 105, car. 107 ..... (Littlefield) 0
Grover Cleveland, 104, car. 106 ..... (Holloway) 0
Wickham, 102 ..... (Newmayer) 0

Time—1.57¾. Betting—Exile, even; The Bourbon, 5 to 1; Brown Duke, 6 to 1; Wickham, 7 to 1; Grover Cleveland, Klamath and Le Logos, 10 to 1. For a Place—Exile, 2 to 5; Bourbon and Brown Duke, 8 to 5; Wickham, 2 to 1; Grover Cleveland, 3 to 1; Klamath and Le Logos, 4 to 1. Pools—Exile, $50; field, $50.

The Race.—Much time was cut to waste getting the horses off. Exile behaved badly at first and then Grover Cleveland took a turn. Exile was in the lead when they were sent off, with Grover Cleveland and The Bourbon following. At the Judge's stand Grover Cleveland led with Bourbon at his saddle girth and Exile. Le Logos, Brown Duke and Wickham moved up. Exile was first coming into the straight. Exile won by a length from Brown Duke, with Le Logos third. Mutuels paid $10.55.

THIRD RACE.

Purse $750, for two-year-olds; entrance, $20 each, to the second; winners (selling races excepted) 5 and 7 lb. extra; five furlongs.

Peril, 112 ..... (Godfrey) 1
Passport, 115, car. 118¾ ..... (McLaughlin) 2
Harebell, 112, car. 114 ..... (Hayward) 3
Lillie C., 112 ..... (Sheridan) 0

Time—1.05¾. Betting—Peril, 4 to 5; Passport, 3 to 1; Harebell, 7 to 1; Lillie C., 10 to 1. For Place—Passport, 4 to 5; Harebell, 7 to 5; Lillie C., 3 to 2. Pools—Peril, $50; Passport, $50; field, $30.

The Race.—The four starters made a pretty contest in the straight of this five-furlong dash. Passport got off best, with Peril and Harebell his closest companions. Peril got to front at the turn, with Harebell and Lillie C. in advance of Passport. Peril led handily the rest of the way, romping home six lengths in the lead, but Passport conquered Harebell coming into the straight. Harebell was third. Mutuels paid $10.60.

FOURTH RACE.

Handicap sweepstakes, at $25 each, for three-year-olds, $100 if declared, with $750 added, of which $150 to the second; mile and a sixteenth.

Specialty, 118 ..... (Godfrey) 1
Prospect, 115 ..... (McLaughlin) 2
Wheat, 107, car. 109 ..... (Camp) 3
Revolt gelding, 106 ..... (Taylor) 0

Time—1.54¼. Betting—Specialty, 7