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WAITE SPEAKS HIS PIECE.

HE WAS CALLED TO TOWN BY TELEGRAPH TO VOTE AWAY BROADWAY.

Bourke Cockran Discharges a Torrent of Objections, but the People's Charlie Keeps on Testifying—Kerr's Counsel Demand Testimony to Connect Him with the Conspiracy—That Early Morning Meeting.

"The People's Charlie," otherwise Chas. B. Waite, is just as rotund as of old; his face has that same baby complexion—pink and white.

But he was crestfallen when he ascended to the witness chair this morning in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, in the trial of Thomas B. Kerr for bribery, and his eyes blinked uncertainly, as if he had his doubts in regard to the opinion in which he is held by the people who used to claim him in the old, prosperous days when he was Alderman and hotel proprietor; when railway franchises and boodle were prevalent, and when he could get a big loan, way up in the thousands, from President Jim Richmond, of the Broadway surface road, without so much as an I. O. U. for security.

Court Officer Jule Arnold grew tender-hearted to-day, and nearly everybody who sought admittance to the scene of the trial was passed. There were not many, for even the trial of a millionaire for the purchase at wholesale of half a million dollars' worth of municipal legislators becomes uninteresting when the Jacob Sharp Hamlet and Foshay Laertes have given up the ghost.

Waite precided over the extraordinary meeting of the twenty-two Aldermen who passed the franchise to Sharp, Fosby, Richmond, Kerr & Co. on Aug. 30, 1884, at 9 o'clock in the morning, but he was never charged with corruption in the matter. He was a near and, from a financial standpoint, a dear friend of President Richmond, and it was not necessary to purchase him.

The Hocking Valley Bonds Untied.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

COLUMBUS, O., May 24.—The Supreme Court handed down a decision in the case of Stevenson Burke, in error, versus the Hocking Valley Railway Company, involving $8,000,000 of the company's bonds held by Winslow, Lanier & Co. President Shaw, of New York, brought suit against Burke and his associates to recover the bonds, and Judge Evans, of the Common Pleas, granted an injunction restraining their transfer pending the determination of the suit. Burke moved to dissolve the injunction, and Judge Evans overruled the motion. Burke went to the Circuit Court on error, but the Court refused to entertain the case upon its merits. He then went into the Supreme Court, which reversed the decisions of the courts below and remanded the cause to the Circuit Court for adjudication. This will probably untie the bonds held in New York.

He Died Far from Home and Friends.

CINCINNATI, May 24.—Officer Hammond found a young man in a freight car yesterday who was almost unable to speak. It was learned from his slowly whispered words that his name was Thomas Wynne, and that some seven years ago he left his home at Canton, Pa., and since that time had wandered over the country. Concluding to return home, he walked until he reached some point in Indiana a week ago. All his efforts to obtain work were in vain, and finally he was taken sick and one night last week he crawled into a freight car. He grew worse and hardly remembered feeling the car move. He had had nothing to eat since he lay down in the car. He was taken to the hospital and soon died. He seemed to be well educated and said that he had prominent relatives in Pennsylvania. The direct cause of death was exposure.

President Hagerman Resigns.

DENVER, Col., May 24.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Colorado Midland Railroad, held at Colorado Springs yesterday, the following Board of Directors were chosen for the ensuing year: J. J. Hagerman, Colorado Springs; J. R. Buake, S. S. Sands, W. D. Sloane, T. E. Jevons, G. C. Allen, F. F. Thompson and Gordon Norris, of New York; T. L. Davis, of Newport, R. I.; J. A. Hayes, jr., and H. T. Rogers, of Colorado Springs. President Hagerman, on account of ill health, tendered his resignation, and it will be accepted as soon as his successor has been chosen. The report of the officers showed the company to be in good financial condition.

The Explosion Killed Both.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24.—An explosion occurred yesterday in the basement of S. H. Hackett's chair and table manufactory and in a short time the interior was in flames. The firemen, upon arrival, found the bodies of John Cully, fifteen years old, and David Clayton, thirty-one years, colored, terribly burned and disfigured. Thomas Kenny, fifteen years old, was found unconscious on the first floor and was rescued with difficulty. One of young Cully's duties was to draw varnish, which was kept in the basement, for the use of the workmen on the upper floors. It is supposed that he went to the basement accompanied by the colored porter with a light, when the explosion occurred.

To Invite the President to Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, May 24.—President Goodale, of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday appointed a committee of ten gentlemen to go to Washington to invite President and Mrs. Cleveland to be here at the opening of the centennial exposition July 4. A committee of ten ladies, especially charged with the duty of inviting Mrs. Cleveland, will be announced hereafter. It is understood that Mrs. Judge Alphonse Taft and Mrs. Speaker Carlisle will be members of this committee.

Mrs. Newman Lectured the Grocer.

Mrs. Johanna Newman sued Bernard Monaghan yesterday in the Supreme Court for $6,000 damages for kicking her at his grocery store, No. 61 Willard street, in May, 1886. Mrs. Newman's son Bob had been playing on Mr. Monaghan's platform in front of his grocery and pilfering apples. Mr. Monaghan slapped his ears. Then Mrs. Newman told the grocer what she thought of him, and he says he shoved her. She got a verdict of six cents.

Who Has Lost a Carrier-Pigeon?

A carrier-pigeon, with the legend "X, 150, Star," marked on one wing, flew through an open window into Anderson's Laboratory, at Orange, N. J., last Monday, and refuses to leave. The bird has several times taken short trips, but always returned home.

Will Ask for a Compromise.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

PITTSBURG, May 24.—The employees of the National Tube Works seem inclined to accept the proposed 10 per cent. reduction, but before doing so will ask for a compromise.

The Creditors Will Not Get Much.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—The J. Lusk Canning Company, which made an assignment recently, filed an inventory to-day, showing total liabilities to be $254,000 and total assets $40,000.

CITIZEN TRAIN DEPSYCHOLIZING.

He Lets a Reporter Sit on His Bench and Has a Grievance Like Other People.

The following communication was received by THE EVENING WORLD this morning. It is written on a postal card in red and blue pencil:

Personal. MADISON SQUARE.

Citizen Editor Evening World: I have a right to sit in any part of Madison Square, and defy all the Police in Hades to prevent it. Let them remove the Crowd, not

GEORGE FRANCIS TRAIN.

An EVENING WORLD reporter went up to Madison Square to see Citizen Train. The great Psycho expounder was occupying a bench near the northern fountain and was reading THE WORLD. The reporter sat down beside him.

"My dear sir," said the citizen, "I have not allowed anybody to occupy the same bench with me for fourteen years. Well, I'm trying to break away from my old prejudices," and the reporter stayed.

"So you are from THE EVENING WORLD," the Tacoma sage continued. "I have only seen that paper a few times, but like the morning WORLD, it is a great paper."

He was asked what he thought of the scheme of the Park authorities to keep a sharp eye on him hereafter.

"I have the right," he replied, "as every citizen has, to occupy any seat in this park. If a crowd chooses to collect about me, it is none of my business. I do not care to have the crowd collect. That policeman over there," pointing to one of the 'sparrow chasers,'" has a grudge against me because of an incident that happened two years ago. I gave two little children some roller skates. They skated on a sidewalk near the park and that officer prevented them. I complained about him and for that reason he tries to annoy me."

Citizen Train has done away with many of his oddities. He now speaks to adults freely. He began with the reporter by allowing people to occupy the same bench with him. This morning he wore his usual buttonhole bouquet, and as the reporter left, a pretty little girl said:

"Mr. Train, I have lost a penny."

"Have you, little one—well, no matter, here's another one."

And so the citizen makes the children happy.

HOLY TRINITY TO APPEAL.

The Defense's Chief Point Not Passed On in Rev. Mr. Warren's Case.

There will probably be an appeal taken from Judge Wallace's decision holding that the case of the Rev. E. Walpole Warren comes under the law relating to the importation of labor, and the Church of the Holy Trinity must pay $1,000 penalty for bringing him over from England.

Mr. Seamah Miller, counsel for the church, said:

"From the telegraphic reports of the decision I should say that Judge Wallace has not touched upon the principal points made by the defense. The demurrer was merely a preliminary test to find out whether or not a preacher of the Gospel was to be classed as a manual laborer. In the report of the committee that framed the bill against the importation of foreign labor there is this clause: The committee believe that the bill in its present form will be construed as including only those whose labor or service is manual in character.

"And then, if the act applies to the clergy it is to that extent void because unconstitutional, for an amendment to the Constitution reads: 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.'

"How they get around that I can't see. Oh, yes, we shall certainly follow up the case to the very end."

Mr. Rowe, Assistant United States District-Attorney, said: "An appeal to the Supreme Court, is, of course, liable to be made, but I don't know yet whether or not that can be done."

TOBACCO IN THE BABY'S MOUTH.

A Woman Accused of Trying to Murder a Child Out of Malice.

A few days ago Mrs. Margaret Gleason was turned out of doors by her own family after a quarrel and sought shelter at the home of Mrs Eliza Schultz, 12 Clinton street, Hoboken. Here she was accommodated until yesterday morning, when she was ordered out because of her disposition to run the house and its affairs.

Mrs. Schultz works out during the day-time. Tuesday evening when she returned she found her four months old baby lying on a bed in the agonies of suffocation with its mouth stuffed with fine smoking tobacco.

The child's mouth was quickly relieved of its horrible gag and the police were notified. They found Mrs. Gleason crouching in the cellar of the house and placed her under arrest. She was taken before Recorder McDonough yesterday and committed for trial on a charge of attempted murder.

The baby is getting along nicely, but would have been dead only for its mother's timely return.

New York Markets.

WHEAT.—June options opened 1 point below last night's closing quotation, at 94c. Subsequently the quotation declined to 93⅞c., but just before noon recovered to the opening price. Market strong.

COTTON.—Futures opened at about last night's closing figures. May, 9.91; June, 9.93; July, 10.06; Aug., 10.16; Sept., 9.79; Oct., 9.45; Nov., 9.37; Dec., 9.38; Jan., 9.45; Feb., 9.54; March, 9.61. Market steady. Liverpool firm.

COFFEE.—Market opened about 5 points up. May, 14.65; June, 13.90; July, 13.35; Aug., 12.70; Sept., 11.95; Oct., 11.65; Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March, 11.50. Market active. Hamburg and Havre firm.

PETROLEUM.—Pipe Line certificates opened ⅛c. above last night's closing quotation, at 85⅝. Market strong, and just before noon the quotation advanced to 86⅛.

Notes About the Workers.

Delegates of the Baker Wagon Drivers' Union were admitted to the Food Producers' Section last night.

A delegate of the Pattern-Makers' Union occupied the chair at the meeting of the Metal-Workers' Section last night.

A delegate of the Ale and Porter Brewers' Union No. 1 presided at the Food Producers' Section meeting last night.

The resolution of the Miscellaneous Section approving of the Ballot Reform bill was indorsed last night by both the Food Producers' and the Metal-Workers' Sections of the Central Labor Union.

The Phœnix Labor Club having been accused of engaging Sulzer's Harlem River Park for its picnic, a delegate refuted the statement last night at the meeting of the Metal-Workers' Section by saying that the club would not give any picnic this season.

The only hearing upon the Ballot Reform bill will be at 11 A. M. to-morrow before Gov. Hill in Albany. Representatives of the different political organizations will be on hand in full force to argue for or against the measure. Peter R. Gatens, Secretary of the United Labor Party, will be among those to advocate the bill.

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DEMANDING AN HONEST VOTE.

DR. BAYLIS SEEKS TO PROTECT THE CONFERENCE BALLOT-BOX.

The Delegates Declare, However, That They are Honest Men, and Refuse to Entertain Dr. Baylis's Resolution—Tellers Greatly Surprised at the Enterprise of the Newspaper Reporters.

When Bishop Foster called the General Methodist Conference to order this morning all the delegates were in their seats for about the first time since the opening day. Dr. Newman was in his customary seat when the result of the tenth ballot, which was taken yesterday, was made known.

This ballot resulted in no election. There were 435 votes cast, and 290 were necessary to a choice. Dr. Newman received 274; Dr. Goodsell, 267, and Dr. Cranston, 216.

The result had hardly been announced when Dr. Baylis offered a resolution in the interests of an honest vote. He suggested that when a conference was called the delegates should rise and pass their votes to the teller, who should then declare the number of votes cast, of which an accurate tally should be kept.

The members of the Conference would not hear of such a thing. They were all honest men, they said, and they did not feel inclined to submit to any such indignity. Amid the cries of "Vote! Vote!" a delegate arose and paid a glowing tribute to the zeal, energy and enterprise of the newspapers, but he put it differently. He declared that as the results of the tenth ballot had been printed in the morning papers some one of the tellers must have broken his word and "given away" the vote.

Dr. Buckley, although recognized as a newspaper man, was also at a loss to understand how such a thing could be, unless some one had blundered. A teller here arose and said that as the charge had been made that one of their number had disregarded the instructions of the Bishop and divulged the result of a ballot, he thought that the charge should be met.

The Rev. W. I. Cogshall, of Niles, Mich., one of the tellers, then said: "I do not believe that any one of the tellers have leaked. Reporters are too smart for us. They station themselves at every keyhole, every window and every corner. We have to keep a strict watch when canvassing a ballot. We search every corner, under every table and in every closet, and even then we find some enterprising scribe who has kept tally about as well as we have."

The eleventh ballot showed that a deal had evidently been made. Newman gained 2 votes, Goodsell lost 54, Cranston dropped 48, Kynett gained 55. The result was as follows: Votes cast, 433; necessary to a choice, 299; Newman, 276; Goodsell, 213; Cranston, 168; Kynett, 79; Payne, 43, and Peck, 26.

IN FAVOR OF EARLY CLOSING.

Public School Pupils Want Vacation to Begin Before July 2.

The pupils in the public schools are agitating the subject of an earlier closing this year before the summer vacation. The schools are not closed until July 2, and it is urged that the weather is too warm about that time for school sessions, and therefore unhealthy for the boys and girls and the teachers.

A teacher who was talked with on the subject said to an EVENING WORLD reporter that it would be much better for all concerned if the schools were closed on the last Friday in June. This would give all who spend the summer in the country ample time to prepare and leave the city before the weather became oppressively warm.

As it is, many pupils are withdrawn from the schools before July 1.

A KANSAS CYCLONE'S WORK.

Argonia, a Small Town, Almost Swept Off the Face of the Earth.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

NEWTON, Kan., May 24.—A special despatch just received gives meagre reports of a cyclone that visited the little town of Argonia, situated some fifty miles southwest of here, almost demolishing the whole town. Only two stores are left standing.

The storm, familiar to all "Jayhawkers," came in the shape of a funnel, sweeping everything before it. Houses and barns were levelled to the ground or carried into the air, to be demolished in the fall.

No loss of life has been reported as yet, but it is thought that a number of persons must have been killed.

Rather Rough on Mr. Fifer.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

CHICAGO, May 24.—It seems likely that Illinois is to be treated this year to the unusual spectacle of a campaign in which the issue is on a matter of religious belief. It is asserted that "Private Joe" Fifer, the Republican candidate for Governor, is a hopeless infidel and a disciple and friend of Bob Ingersoll. This statement is being repeated with great positiveness all over the State and is doing Mr. Fifer incalculable harm. All the women are in arms against him and the Prohibition societies are making it hot for him. Some of the Republican papers denounce the story as a wicked lie and some try to take the edge off it by saying that if Mr. Fifer does not belong to the church his wife does, and he ought to be accepted on her account, but there is reason to fear that this plea will not go very far in some districts and that Mr. Fifer will lose many votes.

Trains Wrecked and Five Lives Lost.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 24.—News of a terrible accident at Randolph has just reached here. A Rock Island freight train ran off the track and plunged into a ravine thirty-five feet deep. Shortly after a freight train on the Wabash road came along and was precipitated onto the train below, killing five men and injuring three, one so severely that he cannot live. The killed are John McCune, E. C. Armstrong, brakeman, Belleville, O.; Y. Royster, brakeman, Edgerton Junction, Kan.; two tramps, names unknown. Injured—Benjamin Norris, colored, Chillicothe, Mo., can not live; Benjamin McLellan, Rock Island engineer; John Snyder, Rock Island fireman.

His Ill-Health Opened the Jail Doors.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

WHEELING, W. Va., May 24.—John L. Hechmer, late Supreme Treasurer of the Catholic Knights of America, sentenced two years ago to the penitentiary for defrauding the order out of $82,000, was pardoned yesterday by Gov. Wilson on account of ill-health. Hechmer was one of the founders of the Catholic Knights, and at the time of his defalcation was Mayor of Grafton, this State, and a leading member of the Bar. The specific charge of which he was convicted was the forgery of his bond.

He Was Unmarried and Drunk.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 24.—At midnight Robert Darwell, a saloon-keeper of Grant, this county, while on a train returning from Barnum's Circus, fell between the cars and was crushed to death. He was unmarried and drunk.

CHEROKEE NASAL CATARRH positively cured by Dr. SAGE'S REMEDY.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

Fell Forty Feet Into That Thrice Unlucky Excavation.

A man supposed to be Morris Fosdick, of Jamaica, L. I., fell into the Thirty-eighth street excavation, in South Brooklyn, last night and received injuries from which it is thought that he will die.

A number of laborers saw him fall, and rushed to his assistance. They found him lying on his face at the bottom of a forty-foot bank, with an ugly gash in his head. He was taken to the Seney Hospital, where he lies in a critical condition.

Since the excavation was begun, many months ago, there has been, on an average, one accident a day.

The Drowned Girl Identified.

The body of the young girl who was picked up in the bay Monday at the foot of Fifty-fifth street, South Brooklyn, was this morning identified as that of Maggie Skiener, of 237 Grand street, New York. She, it is said, fell from a dock on May 2.

Brooklyn Brevities.

The attention of the Brooklyn police has been called to the number of loafers of both sexes that infest the steps of houses of respectable people in upper Adams street after nightfall.

In Justice Kenna's Court, Brooklyn, this morning, Thomas Crowley, of 241 York street, was held for examination on a charge of stealing a watch from Patrick Brett, of 344 Flushing avenue, in July, 1883. The warrant had been out for Crowley nearly five years.

ASSAILED BY A POLICEMAN.

Gen. J. Madison Drake Roughly Handled for Criticising Henry Miller.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

ELIZABETH, N. J., May 24.—A hostile encounter took place last night in Broad street, Elizabeth, between Gen. J. Madison Drake, Commander of the Veteran Zouaves, and Policeman Henry Miller.

Miller was off duty. He met Gen. Drake as he was walking along the street. Miller sprang at him, seizing him by the throat and choking him against the wall of a building, meanwhile shaking him vigorously. Gen. Drake was powerless in the grasp of his assailant, who is a strongly built man. He was very roughly handled before the bystanders could interfere and pull the policeman away.

The cause of the attack is said to be an article published by Gen. Drake in his paper, the *Sunday Leader*, reflecting on the policeman's uniform, and also on the manner in which he performed his duty.

Gen. Drake, after being released from Miller's clutches, went before Councilman Ogden, Chairman of the Police Committee, and made a formal complaint against the policeman.

JERSEY CITY NEWS.

Four Thousand Sunday-School Children to Parade To-Day.

If rain doesn't interfere Jersey City's downtown streets will be filled with marching children this afternoon during the annual parade of the Sunday-schools south of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Eight schools, with about four thousand children, will be in line.

At the close of the exercises in the churches the schools will unite at Van Vorst Park, where the children will be reviewed by Mayor Cleveland.

Thrashed with a Heavy Strap.

Michael O'Mealia, a burly fellow, living at 342 Monmouth street, was before Justice Stilsing this morning on a charge of inhumanly beating his thirteen-year-old child Mamie with a heavy strap. The child's limbs and body are cut and bruised in a dozen places. She ran away from her home after the beating. O'Mealia was remanded.

Jersey City Jottings.

The body of Philip Meschel, of 248 Monmouth street, who had been missing since May 13, was found in the river at Pavonia avenue this morning.

Hugh McGurdy, a fifteen-year-old, was committed for trial by Justice Stilsing this morning on charges of stealing a roll of money from Thomas McDonald and breaking into the saloon of Thomas Gorman.

Standing of the Clubs Yesterday.

LEAGUE.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.	ASSOCIATION.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Chicago	19	6	.760	Cincinnati	22	5	.815
Boston	18	9	.667	St. Louis	17	6	.739
Detroit	15	10	.600	Brooklyn	19	9	.679
New York	13	10	.565	Athletic	12	13	.480
Pittsburg	10	13	.435	Baltimore	10	14	.417
Philadelphia	9	13	.409	Louisville	9	16	.360
Indianapolis	8	17	.320	Cleveland	9	19	.321
Washington	5	19	.208	Kansas City	6	19	.240

Games Scheduled for To-Day.

LEAGUE.

Indianapolis at Pittsburg.
Detroits at Chicago.

ASSOCIATION.

St. Louis at Cleveland.

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Jersey Citys at Elmira.
Newarks at Binghamton.
Eastons at Wilkesbarre.
Allentowns at Scranton.

INTERCOLLEGIATE GAMES.

Williams at Harvard.

Diamond Dust.

The Myrtles defeated the Woodlawns by a score of 6 to 5 on the latter's grounds.

The Irvings would like to hear from all nines under sixteen. Address Joseph Cooper, 408 Second avenue.

Two infielders would like to join a good club; have good references. Address Chas. Boyle, 300 West Fifteenth street.

J. Robinson, of 318 East Twenty-first street, would like to join a uniformed nine who are in need of a good player.

The young Puritans would like to challenge all nines under fourteen years of age. C. O'Reilly, 472 Baltic street, Brooklyn.

At Peekskill—"Clintons," of Yorkville, 5; Travis, of Peekskill, 2. Batteries—Powers and Garver; Freel and Brandle.

I would like to hear from a few good ball-players, ages from seventeen to nineteen. Address M. Jackson, 372 Bowery, New York.

Samuel Schwartz, manager of the Alert Baseball Club, formerly the Tichner and Leon, claims the amateur championship of New York.

Wm. Shaw, Manager Unique Baseball Club. The club having the largest score at end were winners, providing there had been five innings played.

The City Baseball Club would like to hear from any regularly organized club in the Eastern District, the Hoffmans preferred. Our reorganized team is as follows: H. Robinson, c.; C. Reynolds, p.; M. Reynolds, 1st b.; E. J. Trembly, 2d b.; E. M. Anderson, s. s.; H. Haswell, 3d b; John Chambers, r. f.; F. L. Conant, c. f.; Harry Frietunch, l. f. Address John Chambers, 59 Broadway, Williamsburg.

The Phœnicia Baseball Club has organized for the coming season with the following players: L. Emanuel, p.; A. Manteau, c.; M. Klein, 1st b. and captain; N. Harris, 2d b.; A. Fuhr, 3d b.; H. Oppenheimer, s. s.; G. Karmel, c. f.; J. Wilson, r. f.; F. Altheimer, l. f. They would like to hear from clubs whose members are between eighteen and twenty years of age. Address E. J. Halstead, box 5, 249 Sixth avenue, city.

The Claremonts have organized for the season of 1888, and would like to hear from clubs whose members ages range between fifteen and seventeen. Address all communications to H. Jantzer, 231 Second avenue. The following are the players: John Dwyer, c.; E. Taylor, p.; M. Eiseman, 1st b.; E. Zabriskie, 2d b.; H. Jantzer, 3d b.; John Sipp, s. s.; H. Anstuettel, l. f.; Peter Jantzer, r. f.; James Campbell, c. f. and change catcher.

INFLUENCE A GOOD THING.

SENATORS BEGIN TO INVESTIGATE CIVIL SERVICE IN THE CUSTOM-HOUSE.

A Brooklyn Man's Experience as an Office-Holder—He Says He Passed an Examination and Was Then Advised to Get Letters from Politicians and Join a Ward Organization.

It was 10.30 o'clock when two of the Senators who have come from Washington to investigate civil service in the Custom-House made their appearance at the Post-Office Building this morning.

They were Senator Blackburn, the fiery orator from the Blue Grass State, and Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, representing the Democratic and Republican sides of the committee respectively.

Senator Hale, of Maine, Chairman of the sub-committee, was detained at the Fifth Avenue Hotel by an attack of rheumatism.

In the absence of Senator Hale, the chair was occupied by Senator Spooner, who is a nervous-looking little gentleman, dressed in black and wearing a big black and white striped necktie. He also wears glasses and a small dark mustache, and does not look more than thirty-five.

Senator Blackburn, a big, massive Kentuckian, with a heavy brown mustache, was dressed in a blue flannel suit and wore spectacles.

The investigation was begun with the reading of the Senate resolution under which the committee was authorized to investigate all matters relating to the workings of the Civil-Service law in any branch of the public service, with reference both to the distribution of offices as a reward for political service or by political favor, and to the participation of public officials in the United States service in political conventions.

The first witness was John Conway, of Brooklyn, who said he was forty-five years old and had applied in 1886 for a civil-service examination for the position of Assistant Weigher.

He passed the examination successfully, his percentage being 84.6, but he was informed by Deputy Collector Davis, as well as by Secretary Mason, of the Examining Board, that before he could get appointed it would be a good thing to get letters from men of prominence or influence in the party.

It was also suggested to him that he ought to belong to a ward organization if he expected to get a position. He was informed that Mr. Murphy, of Brooklyn, had charge of the Brooklyn patronage and that he was the right man to apply to.

He made application for membership in a Brooklyn Democratic Ward organization, but he didn't know whether he was even admitted. He had a good deal of trouble about it, because he had once been arrested for voting before he was of age, and this was brought up against him.

He got letters from several prominent politicians, which he gave to Mr. Davis, and on Oct. 30, 1887, he obtained an appointment as assistant weigher. He held this position until Jan. 24, 1888, when he was dismissed without cause.

Several attempts to get a statement of the charges against him from the Collector, he said, had been unavailing, and he had never been able to learn the cause of his discharge, except that it had been for some political reason.

THE FALLEN WALL.

Crowds Gazing at the Scene of Yesterday's Accident.

Hundreds of people stopped on their way downtown this morning to gaze at the débris of the fallen wall at the corner of Broadway and John street, where yesterday afternoon Foreman Daniel Mahoney was killed outright and several other men were injured, the first news of which was published in THE EVENING WORLD'S extra.

The work of demolition was still going on as though nothing had happened.

John Lynch, of 17 Bloomfield street, who received injuries to his back and abdomen, was this morning too ill for removal to Bellevue from Chambers Street Hospital.

John Sullivan, of 300 East Forty-sixth street, who received a scalp wound and internal injuries, the nature of which has not yet developed, was this morning suffering greatly in Bellevue Hospital.

Cornelius Leary, of 58 Oak street, and Michael Moriarty, of 154 Leonard street, who received some bad bruises, went to their homes last night.

The contractor, Charles H. Southard, was still under arrest this morning.

Trotting at Fleetwood.

The programme for to-day is as follows:

2.19 CLASS—PURSE $500.

W. C. Trimble's ch. g. Garnett
C. Nolan's b. g. Judge Davis
J. E. Turner's blk. g. Spofford
I. B. Gurney's g. g. Jesse
J. Murphy's ch. g. Compeer
J. Yereance's ch. m. Perplexed
H. G. Smith's b. g. Col. Wood

2.25 CLASS—PURSE $500.

A. J. Russell's b. m. Lotta
J. S. Coates's b. m. Philosee
N. J. Stone's ch. g. Little Dick
M. F. Bull's blk. g. Black Jack
J. Yereance's ch. m. Perplexed
J. Murphy's ch. g. Compeer
Bedell & Johnson's br. g. St. Elmo
Pleasant Valley's b. m. Fiction

2.31 CLASS—PURSE $500.

W. E. Weeks's br. m. Lady Winship
J. H. Cuthell's blk. g. Arbutus
Hanford Bros'. b. g. Longford
A. J. Russell's b. g. Geo. G.
A. J. Russell's blk. m. Ada D.
J. E. Turner's —— San Mateo
G. Hauer's g. s. Roscoe C.
J. I. Gurney's b. m. Castralia
A. Wilkinson's b. g. Jack Wilkes
H. Shultz's ch. m. Nanon
C. N. Payne's b. g. Joe C.
J. Yereance's ch. g. Cyclone
J. Murphy's b. g. Nicotee
Pleasant Valley S. F. b. m. Glitter
G. W. Haight's b. g. Gautier
W. Lovell's b. m. Rally
H. G. Smith's b. g. Charley M.

The Entries for To-Morrow Are:

2.18 PACING CLASS—PURSE $500.

W. A. Collins's b. g. Grand Sec.
F. L. Noble's b. g. Georgetown.
D. H. Merrington's r. m. Ulster Belle.
E. Dwyer's b. g. L. L. A.
W. A. Ogden's g. m. Sallie C.
F. Hurlay's blk. g. Raven.
A. L. Sardy's br. s. Joe Jefferson.
H. G. Smith's br. g. Honesty.

2.45 CLASS—PURSE $500.

I. Courtney's br. g. Clayton.
M. Sullivan's b. m. Ella.
J. S. Brown's r. s. Mount Morris.
C. Hammell's br. m. Maggie Mitchell.
C. H. MacDonald's ch. g. Dan T.
C. N. Payne's ch. s. Peter Pinder.
C. N. Payne's br. m. Little Gypsy.
J. Yereance's b. m. Electric.
N. Sraus's g. g. Red Star.

Killed on the Railroad Crossing.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

PITTSBURG, May 24.—At 9 o'clock this morning a train on the Pennsylvania Railroad ran into a buggy at Rouge street crossing, instantly killing two men and the horse.

OUR MAYOR ON THE WAR-PATH.

FLOWERS FOR THE SICK.

"The Evening World's" Suggestion Meets With a Ready Response.

Several applications for flowers to be given to patients in the hospitals have already been made to the Memorial Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic at its headquarters in the City Hall. They have all come from private parties thus far, and have been referred to the Floral Committee, of which Mr. J. H. Evans is chairman, and which will open its office at the Cottage in Union Square to-morrow.

It is suggested by Mr. Evans that all hospitals that desire to share in the distribution of the surplus flowers, as proposed by THE EVENING WORLD, should send in their applications as soon as possible, in order that the distributions may be made immediately after Memorial Day.

Communications should be addressed to J. H. Evans, Chairman of the Floral Committee, "The Cottage," Union Square and Seventeenth street. The other members of the committee are M. H. Whalen, William Wiese, W. J. Trimble and Fred W. Ritchy.

THE CITY OF PARA ALL RIGHT.

Her Passengers, Mail and Specie to be Sent to Aspinwall.

H. J. Bullay, Superintendent in this city of the Pacific Mail Company, whose steamer City of Para went ashore on Old Providence Island, in the Caribbean sea on May 17, said to an EVENING WORLD reporter:

"Our despatches say that the vessel is all right. We have cabled to take the passengers, mail and specie to Aspinwall, which will be done at once.

"The City of Para left that point on May 16. She had a general cargo and a pretty good passenger list. I do not know any of the names, but there are none from San Francisco. She was due here next Saturday, and if her rudder posts are bent it will be a month before we will see her in New York, and then she will be in tow of another ship.

"The steamship Colon, of our line, which will leave on May 25, will take all of the Para's passengers. She will reach here June 4 or 5. I don't suppose that we will get much definite information until then."

ANN O'DELIA'S TRIAL GOES OVER.

The Indictment for Conspiracy Against Lawyer Marsh to be Taken Up First.

Yesterday was the time decided upon for the beginning of the trial of Ann O'Delia Salomon and "Gen." Dis Debar on the indictment for grand larceny in stealing Loewenherz's pictures.

But, as predicted, the trial was adjourned, and is now set for Monday, June 4, before Judge Gildersleeve in Part 1 of the General Sessions.

This arrangement especially pleases Lawyer Townsend, counsel for the fat medium and the General, because the grand larceny charges will be held in abeyance and the pair will be tried on the indictment for conspiracy in plotting to defraud Lawyer Marsh of his property. He thinks the conspiracy charge particularly weak.

Some interesting developments in the case are expected at the trial.

Cedarhurst Grand National.

There are sixteen probable starters in the Cedarhurst Grand National race, which will be run over the four-mile steeplechase course at Cedarhurst to-morrow. Among them is the celebrated Bob Miles, Mr. J. T. Williams's well-known chestnut horse, which has won all over the country this season. He is in at 164 pounds. Warrington, the favorite and top-weight horse, will have to shoulder 171 pounds. The other horses are: Jim McGowan, 165; Major Pickett, the winner of this race in 1885, 165; Referee, 162; Bassanio, 159; John Henry, 157; Will Davis, 153; Wheatly, 151; Charlemagne, 152; Quito, 152; Hercules, 150; Schoolmaster, c148; Killarney, 147; Monte Cristo, 147; Retribution, 143; Mystic, 142; Alf Estill, 142; Zanghar, 142, and Falconer, 145. The race, which is the fourth on the card, is an open handicap steeplechase for a purse of $2,500, divided.

This year's Grand National will be the biggest ever run. The winner will have cleared twenty-five fine jumps at the finish of the struggle.

Buried Alive Beneath a Sandbank.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

PROVIDENCE, May 24.—Patrick Keenan and John O'Rourke, engaged in sewer construction for the city on Bates street, were this morning, at 7.15, buried alive by a caving bank of sand. Keenan was taken out dead and the body removed to his late home, 429 Atwells avenue. O'Rourke was badly injured, but the physicians say that he will recover. Keenan leaves a family of three. Both men were buried out of sight, and O'Rourke was fully two minutes under ground.

Was Matthew Levy Murdered?

A Coroner's investigation will be made in the case of Matthew Levy, age thirty-three years, a truckman, of 543 West Thirty-seventh street, who died of a fractured skull in Roosevelt Hospital yesterday. Levy's widow claims that a man struck him over the head. Deputy Coroner Conway said that the wound looked as though it had been caused by a fall.

News Summary.

Lord and Lady Lansdowne leave Ottawa on their way to England.

The discovery of rich deposits of gold in North Wales has been announced.

Gen. Sheridan is suffering with nervous prostration, caused by overwork.

Two old bachelor brothers of St. Louis become tired of life and commit suicide together.

John Dunbar, the millionaire tin-plate manufacturer, of Pittsburg, comes out in favor of the Mills bill.

William Chamberlain, the wealthy Texas rancheman who went to be treated by Pasteur for a mad wolf's bite, returns home entirely cured.

A DELICIOUS STOMACH PURIFIER IS ITS USE IS INVITED IN TAKING TURNER'S CACHU-CUT CHEWING.

3 O'CLOCK

HEMMED IN BY FIRE.

Women Jump for Life from a Burning Factory.

Catharine Sullivan Mortally Burned.

Crazed With Fright, Bridget O'Meara Tries to Lower Herself to the Ground With a Rope, but Falls and Receives Mortal Injuries—A Number of Women Jump Out of a Window to Save Themselves—They All Escape Serious Injury.

Women jumping from a burning building, clambering down hatchways and making a terrible struggle for life, was the scene that appalled the residents of the neighborhood of Spring and Marion streets this morning.

At 10.40 o'clock smoke was discovered in the fourth floor of Hugh Gaffney's five-story brick rag and paper factory in the rear of 59 Spring street, and in a few moments flames burst from the windows. At the time thirty persons were at work in the building, including seventeen women and thirteen men. A panic ensued.

The dozen old women who were picking and assorting rags on the top floor gazed from the windows and screamed wildly for help as they saw the flames shoot up the hatchway and cut off all retreat by the single stairway, which led to the yard, and a rush was made for the rear windows, which overlooked the roofs of a row of old-fashioned three-story brick dwellings on Marion street.

The younger women reached the windows and leaped from them in safety to the roofs. They were rescued through the open scuttles, but Catharine Sullivan, a widow, fifty-five years old, who lives in Pearl street, near Park street, was trampled upon by her more nimble associates. She fell to the floor, where she was left floundering in the heaps of smoke-filled rags.

Fireman Edwin Ford found her after the fire was extinguished. She was terribly burned and her clothing was in flames. She was lifted up tenderly, carried across the roofs and was deposited in the hallway of a Marion street house, where she was attended by an ambulance surgeon from St. Vincent's Hospital.

Her blazing clothes were torn off