BRILLIANT NEW FEUILLETON.
AN INTERNATIONAL MYSTERY.
A Story of An Extraordinary Criminal Scheme.
SEE TO-DAY'S EVENING WORLD.

The EVENING EDITION World.

UNEQUALLED AND UNAPPROACHABLE!
THE AVERAGE DAILY CIRCULATION FOR APRIL WAS
350,256
The World's Circulation Exceeds That of Any Two Other American Newspapers Combined. Advertisers Are Cordially Invited to INSPECT THE CIRCULATION BOOKS ANY TIME.

PRICE ONE CENT. NEW YORK, MONDAY, MAY 6, 1889. PRICE ONE CENT.

LAST EDITION

THE WALKERS

Hegelman Leading the Long Line at the Garden.

Good Time Made on the First of the Six Days.

Every Civilized Nation Represented on the Track.

Veteran Champion Dan O'Leary Taking It Easy.

Score at 2 O'Clock.

	M.	L.		M.	L.
Hegelman	82	2	Davis	73	3
Cartwright	80	8	Day	72	0
Connors	77	3	Dwyer	69	3
C. Smith	71	0	Cox	70	5
Hughes	67	2	Noremac	55	3
Ray	74	1			

Daylight saw fifty-three pedestrians sturdily footing it around the tanbark track in Madison Square Garden which has witnessed so many gallant struggles for pedestrian honors.

Only one of the original fifty-four had lost heart, and as Manager Billy O'Brien saw lap after lap reeled off in good style by a score of determined young fellows he expressed sanguine hopes that the record would be broken.

The best record up to the twelfth hour is 80 miles 1,540 yards, made by Chas. Rowell, Feb. 27, 1882. Hegelman's record at noon, as against this, was 74 miles 1,100 yards.

The presence of a number of new pedestrians has given this week's six-day go-as-you-please race at Madison Square Garden a chance to rival any of its predecessors in popularity, and the management is even now congratulating itself on the presence of fully ten thousand people at the opening "sacred" concert and start.

CROWDS IN THE GARDEN.

The lads and lassies surged to and fro in the big pavilion for hours before the beginning of the race, listening to Bayne's Sixty-Ninth Regiment Band and the caterers to human weaknesses drove a good trade in chewing-gum, Frankfurt sausages and taffy, while the great Yankee hog-guesser told you your weight and then charged you five cents for proving the accuracy of his guess. The cane man, the lift man and the "two-for" cigar man raked in your shekels and smiled cheerfully "while you waited."

ED PLUMMER ON HAND.

At a little before midnight Dr. Ed Plummer's majestic little figure appeared for a brief moment before the crowded audience, and then his corps of scorers took their place behind a big scoring station at the Fourth avenue and Twenty-seventh street corner of the Garden, and everything was declared ready for the battle.

The reporters were perched in seats behind the scoring stands, rather than in the corral within the elliptical track of tanbark, and Manager Billy O'Brien said everything was all right.

O'LEARY'S OVATION.

A moment later Dan O'Leary, the hero of the first six-day-go-as-you-please race and winner of the Astley belt in 1878, stepped forth from his hut in the east end of the building.

O'Leary was cheered and applauded by the immense audience as he took a turn around the eighth-mile track. He is forty-one years old, but does not show it. His close-cropped hair is black, his Irish blue eyes are bright, and his 5 feet 10 inches of stalwart manhood showed up well in his walking suit, consisting of blue checked gingham shirt, dark corduroy knee-breeches, a Scotch cap and big-roomy walking-shoes.

THE "LEPPER" APPEARS.

The veteran, who now lives in Chicago, was followed on the track by "Lepper" John Hughes, the *Police Gazette* champion of 1881; Dan Herty, the slow but sure Boston boy; Peter Golden, Gus Hegelman, Sam Day, George Noremac, the persevering Scotchman; George Cartwright, the British rival of Littlewood; George Connors, Dan Dillon, Dan Burns, the Elmira boy; John Sullivan, the long lean and lank "Bangor Ghost;" Charlie Smith, the English boy who ran away from home last fall to come to America to win gold and glory in the tanbark arena, and a host of others, all in fanciful costumes, which included all the colors of the rainbow and some which were not in the list of the rainbow maker.

AN EYE ON THE RECEIPTS.

Having selected James E. Colvin, of the *Clipper*, and Willard A. Hoagland, the "shoestring" pedestrian from Cayuga Lake, as their representatives who should count the box receipts and hold one-half for their benefit, the fifty-four aspirants for fame and fortune were ready for the word which was to set them free for their jaunt, which was not to end till close upon the beginning of another week.

STARTED BY DOMINICK M'CAFFREY.

Five minutes after the midnight hour Dominick McCaffrey, the ex-pugilist, stepped upon the track and, after the usual preliminaries, shouted the word "Go!"

OFF LIKE THE WIND.

Immediately the fifty-four pedestrians shot out, and for a mile or two they jostled each other all over the track in their frantic efforts to gain an advantage.

The band played inspiring music and the ladies in the vast audience applauded the efforts of the peds and cheered their favorites.

Here is the list of starters:

Adams, New York; Burns, Daniel, Elmira; Burke, John, "Manhattan;" Cartwright, George, London; Cox, Thomas, Pennsylvania; Connors, George, London; Casteran, New York; Carpenter, New York; Curley, Tim, London; Day, Samuel, London; Davis, New York; Dwyer, New York; Dillon, Daniel, "The Soldier Ped;" Elson, Alfred, "The Vet;" Fraser, New York; Fulljames, New York; Fitzgerald's Unknown, New York; Golden, Peter, New York; Glick, New York; Herty, Daniel, Boston; Hughes, John, Ireland; Hegelman, Peter, New York; Horan, M., New Jersey; Howard, New York; Johnson, New York; Kempt, New York; Keistopersen, Sweden; King, Pat, New York; Leech, New York; Lovett, New York; Michersan, J., a French negro; McGovern, James, London; Miller, New York; Malone, New York; Maloney, New York; Noremac, Peter, New Scotland; Nolan, New York; O'Leary, Daniel, Ireland; O'Mara, Ireland; Paul, Emil, New York; Fraser, Maine; Ray, James, London; "Red Rover," America; Reddimo, New York; Spicer, James, England; Sullivan, J., "Bangor Ghost;" Smith, W., Denver; Sis ert, Germany; Smith, Charley, New York; Taylor, Norman, "Pie-Eater;" Tracy, New York; the Young Greek, Greece; Wilkes, New York; Zeig, New York.

A HANDSOME "UNKNOWN."

Billy Oliver's unknown, who is known on the track only as the "Young Greek," a classic-featured youth of twenty-one years and No. 45 in the race, ran the first mile ahead of all the others in 5½ minutes, and as Chief Scorer Plummer announced it the lad was cheered to the echo, while a female admirer sent to him a beautiful bouquet of sweetest roses.

Cartwright, the light-footed Englishman, was second, and Hegelman, Herty, Connors and Golden followed in a bunch.

At this time and for two hours after the big Garden was crowded as full as could be with spectators.

SOME WHO WERE THERE.

Among those who saw the start of the fifty-four pedestrians were Jack Ashton, the trainer of John Lawrence Sullivan, the Boston methete; Billy Madden, whose manly form was set off by a new spring suit and diamonds galore; Joe Ellingsworth, who will try conclusions with Jack Dempsey in the near future; Billy Deutsch, the hero of Monte Carlo; Johnny Kerpell, ex-Alderman Farley, J. Wesley Sisson, Daniel Frohman, Maurice Barrymore, "Adonis" Dixey, Bob Hilliard, Sidney Drew, Burn McIntosh, George Gore, the centre-fielder of the Giants; John T. Kelly, Fred Hallen, Tony Pastor, Tim Murphy, Pat Sheedy, Jere. Dunn, Col. Thomas P. Ochiltree, of Texas, who perambulated on crutches; Ed S. Stokes, Capt. Billy Connor, Joe Coburn, Gus Heckler, John Piles, Thomas McCoy, Billy Quinn, Jim Patterson, Richard K. Fox and William E. Harding of the *Police Gazette*; Francis Wilson, of "Erminie;" M. B. Leavitt, Harry Miner and Charles J. Davis; Billy McGlory, with a flaming boutonniere; Paul Authur, Commissioner Hess, Judge Gildersleeve, Coroner Messemer, Justice Steckler, Police Justice Duffy, Albert Judson, Thomas Edward Gould and Al Cridge.

PRIZES AT STAKE.

The race but just begun was for the championship of the world and the diamond belt won and now held by George Littlewood, the Sheffield boy, who covered 623¾ miles on the Madison Square Garden track last November.

Besides, one-half of the gate receipts were to be divided between the pedestrians who covered more than 500 miles, and the men were very earnest indeed as they plodded about the elliptical track encouraged by the plaudits of the multitude.

There was many an old stager hanging on the fences and critically examining the fifty-four men on the track who were ready to name their winner of the race and bet their money on their judgment, but they were so divided in opinion that, as a white-haired old man said, "it would be as well to stake one's money on a throw of the dice" as on their judgment.

HERTY A FAVORITE.

Dan Herty, who is backed and supported by John L. Sullivan, was first choice among the sports men, and when Peter Hegelman scored his fiftieth mile at 7.23 o'clock this morning, though there was considerable applause for the young German, the Herty men still offered no takers of their offer of even money on the Boston boy. Herty was five miles behind Peter.

The atmosphere in the big pavilion was close and very warm all night, and an unknown lady fainted and was carried into the air of Madison avenue by her male escort at 4.15.

WENDELKIN'S BARKEEPER ARRESTED.

Sergt. Schmittberger, of Capt. Tom Reilly's station, commanded fifty policemen who patrolled the Garden, but they had nothing to do further than to arrest the chief barkeeper for Wendelkin, who had the bar privileges in the elephant house and was doing a good Sunday night trade in weiss beer and other innocent beverages.

NO BEER FOR LEARY.

At 2 o'clock a young man, in the exuberance of his enthusiasm, poured a mug of beer over the fence to Dan O'Leary, but with one hand Manager Billy O'Brien smashed the mug and spoiled the symmetry of the young man's features.

There were no other misadventures during the dark hours of the night, and when the sun came stealing in at the windows through the roof there were over 1,000 spectators sleeping on the benches in the Garden.

There had been but little spurting and no excitement, owing to the unusual number of peds on the track, which made spurting out of the question.

Peter Hegelman was easily the best sprinter of the night, and at breakfast time was two miles ahead of Cartwright and at the head of the procession, while genial, good-natured Dan O'Leary was far behind, his old, rheumatic joints being in no condition for a six-day contest.

The scores at 7 o'clock stood like this:

7 O'CLOCK SCORES.

O'Leary, 11 miles 7 laps; Herty, 42.1; Cartwright, 45.7; Hughes, 40.3; Noremac, 34.3; Golden, 40.5; Day, 40; Hegelman, 47.7; Connors, 45.4; Ray, 42.2; Burns, 38.3; Spicer, 39.5; McGovern, 39; Micheran, 32; Red Rover, 31.5; Glick, 38.2; Lovatt, 2.5; Horan, 35.1; Sullivan, 33.4; Davis, 41.1; Dwyer, 39; Burke, 26.3; Keniff, off; S. C. Smith, 38.3; O'Marra, 33.7; King, 33.3; Casteran, 33.2; Seifurt, 31.4.; Geig, 34.1; P. Smith, 31.5; Leech, 24.5; Redding, 25.2; E. Paul, 33.3; Dillon, 34.4; Nolan, 34.1; Frazer, 11.6; Fitz's Unknown, 38.5; Cox, 39.0; Norman Taylor, 38.3; Elson, 39.7; Miller, 32.5; Malone, 36.1; Jefferson, 29.7; Maloney, 35.6; the Greek, 24; Fulljames, 22.6; Johnson, 40.6; Adams, 37.7; Wilk e, 37.6; Tracy, 35.4; Howard, 21.7; Curley, 25.5.

AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY.

Among the unknown quantities in the race is Jim Ray, a pied-faced young man of slender frame but enormous lungs. He was even with veteran Dan Herty in fourth place, and was forging ahead in red trunks and white tights. Who he is and where he hails from are among the unanswered questions.

OLD SPORT IS MISSED.

Norman Taylor, the ancient pie-eating champion of Vermont, poet and philosopher, and Elson, the Meriden shoemaker, were on hand of course.

Old Sport Campana, who has graced every go-as-you-please for a century with his ever-youthful presence, is at Tucson, Ariz., on his way back from San Francisco, where he was left stranded after a walking match two weeks ago.

MR. AND MRS. NOREMAC THERE.

George Noremac, attended by his devoted wife, was in, as usual, "to get a piece of the boodle," and, having set out at a dogtrot at midnight, will continue to the end.

STILL ANOTHER UNKNOWN.

"Red Rover" is a tall fellow in a suit of flaming hue who persists in remaining unknown. He gives no promise and will go into the consomme before night probably, as Lovett did within an hour after the start.

8 O'CLOCK FIGURES.

The leaders stood as follows at 8 o'clock: Hegelman, 55.3; Cartwright, 51.3; Connors, 51; Ray, 47.2; Herty, 47.3; Davis, 45.6; Golden, 42.7; Hughes, 45.1; Day, 45; Dwyer, 45.3; Noremac, 37.3; Burns, 44.

O'LEARY TAKING IT EASY.

Dan O'Leary spends more time in his hut than on the track, and very little is expected of him.

O'Leary was said to have succumbed to a too liberal amount of foamy beverage, but Manager O'Brien declared he had only left the track to run across town for a Turkish bath. He had not returned up to noon, however.

SCORES AT 10 O'CLOCK.

The leading scores at 10 A. M. were: Hegelman, 64 miles 2 laps; Cartwright, 61.5; Connors, 60.5; Herty, 57.3; Golden, 52; Ray, 55.4; Davis, 54.7; Hughes, 52.3; Day, 55; Dwyer, 54.6.

SCORES AT 11 A. M.

At 11 o'clock the leading scores were: O'Leary, 12 miles 3 laps; Herty, 62.6; Cartwright, 67.1; Hughes, 55.6; Noremac, 47.7; Golden, 56.3; Day, 59.2; Hegelman, 69.3; Connors, 64.8; Ray, 59.5; Burns, 58.11; Spicer, 51.6; McGovern, 55.5; Glick, 59.6; Davis, 59.7; Dwyer, 59.3; C. Smith, 57; Elson, 54.7.

TWO SAFE-CRACKERS IN COURT.

Arrested on Suspicion of Being the Plainfield Post-Office Burglars.

In the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning Michael Smith, alias "Pig" McDermot, and James (alias "Mickey") McDonald were arraigned by two of Inspector Byrnes's staff on suspicion of being the men who blew open the safe of the post-office at Plainfield, N. J., six weeks ago and carried away $300 worth of jewelry and what money was in the safe.

In McDonald's possession was found a fuse, a box of powder, a map of New Jersey and a time-table of the Plainfield road, three sets of jewelry, a pair of gold eyeglasses, a gold watch, six diamond drills and $50 in cash. Smith had in his possession two jimmies.

Postmaster William Force, of Plainfield, was present in the court, but refused to discuss the burglary.

A conductor of the Plainfield road identified the prisoners as having been passengers for that place on the night of the robbery.

Justice Duffy sent both prisoners before United States Commissioner Shields.

MAYOR GRANT AT HIS DESK.

No New Appointments To-Day—Commissioner Feitner Sworn In.

Mayor Grant was at his office early this morning, feeling considerably better than when he left it on Thursday. He received a number of visitors, none of whom, among the early callers, were of the kind who occupied so much of his time before he made his last batch of appointments. They were ordinary visitors, with common errands.

The Mayor said that he was not prepared to say when he would make further appointments.

Tax Commissioner Feitner was this morning sworn to the continued performance of his duties in that position to which he was reappointed on Thursday.

Judge Gildersleeve to the Good Cause.

The Sixty-ninth Regiment Parnell Defense Fund Committee has received a check for $100 from Judge Henry A. Gildersleeve.

The Quotations.

	Open.	High.	Low.
American Cotton Oil	55	55	54⅞
Atch., Top. & Santa Fe	43⅞	44⅛	43⅞
Canada Southern	53	53	52¾
Central Pacific	35⅞	36⅛	35⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	17⅞	17⅞	17⅝
Chicago Gas Trust	40	40	38⅞
Chic., Burl. & Quincy	99⅝	99⅝	98⅞
Chic., St. Louis & Pitts	18	18	18
Chic., St. Louis & Pitts pfd	40	40¼	40
Chicago & Northwest	107⅝	107⅝	107⅛
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	66⅞	66⅞	66
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul pfd	109⅝	109⅝	109⅝
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	95	95	95
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝
Chicago & Eastern Illinois pfd	96⅝	96⅝	96⅝
Cin., Ind., St. L. & Chic	10⅝	10⅝	10⅛
Col. & Hocking Val.	19	19	19
Colorado Coal & Iron	35	35	35
Del., Lack. & Western	138⅝	138⅝	138⅝
Delaware & Hudson	136⅝	136⅝	136⅝
Green Bay & Winona	8	8	8
Lake Shore	103	103⅛	103
Lake Erie & Western	18⅝	18⅝	18⅝
Lake Erie & Western pfd	59	59⅝	59
Long Island	54	54	54
Louisville & Nashville	68⅝	68⅝	68⅝
Manhattan Consol	9⅞	9⅞	9⅞
Mil., L. S. & Western pfd	113	113	113
Minneapolis & St. Louis	5⅝	5⅝	5⅝
Missouri Pacific	73⅝	73⅝	73⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	12⅝	12⅞	12⅞
National Lead Trust	27	27⅛	27⅛
Nash., Chatt. & St. Louis	90	90	90
New Jersey Central	16⅝	16⅝	16⅝
N. Y. & New England	43⅝	44⅛	43⅝
N. Y., Lake Erie & Western	27	27	26⅞
N. Y., Lake Erie & Western pfd	70⅝	70⅝	70⅝
N. Y. & Northern pfd	22	22	22
Norfolk & Western pfd	52⅝	52⅝	52⅝
Northern Pacific	25⅝	25⅝	25⅛
Northern Pacific pfd	62⅝	62⅝	61⅞
Ohio & Mississippi	23	23	23
Ontario & Western	17⅝	17⅝	17⅛
Or. Railway & Navigation	97	97⅛	96⅞
Oregon Transcontinental	33⅝	34⅛	33⅝
Ore on Improvement	33⅝	33⅝	33⅝
Oregon Short Line	41⅝	41⅝	41⅝
Pacific Mail	37	37	37
Pipe Line certificates	84⅝	84⅝	83⅞
Philadelphia & Reading	45⅝	45⅝	45⅛
Pullman Palace Car Co	159⅝	159⅝	159⅝
Rich. & Alle. assessments	1	1	1
Rich. & W. Point Ter	26⅝	27	26⅝
St. Paul & Omaha	34⅝	34⅝	34⅝
St. Paul & Omaha pfd	84	84	84
St. Paul, Minn. & Manitoba	102	102	101⅞
St. Louis & San Francisco	23⅝	23⅝	23⅝
St. Louis & San Fran. pfd	61⅝	61⅝	61⅝
Sugar Trust	80⅝	80⅝	80⅝
Texas Pacific	22⅝	22⅝	21⅞
Tenn. Coal & Iron	40	40	40
Tol., Ann Arbor & N. M.	27⅝	27⅝	27⅝
Union Pacific	57⅝	57⅝	57
Wabash, St. L. & Pacific	14⅝	15	14⅝
Wabash, St. L. & Pacific pfd	28⅝	28⅝	28⅝
Western Union Telegraph	78⅝	78⅝	78⅝
Wheeling & Lake Erie	66⅝	66⅝	66⅝

THE BUYING OF VOTES.

Some Working Politicians Who Also Condemn It!

Interviews with Barney O'Rourke and Fatty Walsh on Bishop Potter's Sermon!!

Both Commend Him for His Boldness in His Centennial Address!!!

To learn the views of some working politicians regarding Bishop Potter's bold Centennial sermon, EVENING WORLD reporters sought out a number of these gentlemen this morning.

Mr. Barney O'Rourke is, as every one knows, one of the Republican leaders of the banner Republican district of the city. Like his brilliant Republican contemporary, Silver Dollar Smith, he keeps a popular liquor store, and when not engaged in solving problems of statesmanship he is to be found in his saloon. He was found there to-day when an EVENING WORLD reporter called.

Mr. O'Rourke, who is always genial and would pass anywhere as a Celtic gentleman of the old school, was in a particularly good humor and talked with eloquence and fluency.

"I think," said he, "that it was a very good sermon and entirely appropriate to the occasion."

"The Bishop's denunciation of the purchase of votes is right. The buying of votes is wrong. It has gone too far, and it ought to stop. It is bad for the man who buys the vote and bad for the man who sells the vote. It is a bad example to other voters. I should like to see an end of it, and to see honest elections."

Here Mr. O'Rourke looked particularly solemn, and said: "The Democrats do all the vote-buying."

When the distinguished Republican leader had recovered sufficiently after making this assertion to resume his discourse he said:

"Some of the reformers, also, buy votes.

"I want to see honest elections," he continued, "but I do not agree with Bishop Potter's ideas in respect to the spoils of office. I believe in the old Jacksonian doctrine that to the victors belong the spoils. In appointments the preference should certainly be given to members of the party in power.

"I do not agree with Bishop Potter's views in regard to practical politics. All politics are practical politics. Every party has practical politics. Without practical politics elections would probably fall into the hands of the rich. The Stuyvesants, the Vanderbilts, the Fishes and the McAllisters—we would probably have a monarchy.

"You may say for me that I agree with Bishop Potter about the evils of vote buying and of large expenditures of money in elections, but in appointing men to office I hold that a party should give the preference to its own members."

Mr. "Fatty" Walsh, the County Democrat leader of the Second Assembly District, who made the immortal campaign for the Board of Aldermen, with the assistance of the late Jerry Hartigan, was found in his saloon in Centre street. He had read Bishop Potter's sermon and was delighted with it. He said:

"Bishop Potter is a brave and honest man. His whole sermon was magnificent. No honest man could object to it. I love a man who says what he means, and means what he says. I wish more ministers would preach the same kind of a sermon.

"A few brave men like Bishop Potter would do much to purify politics in this country and to instil American ideas. He is the first man I ever heard deliver a sermon I'd like to hear delivered every Sunday.

"In regard to the buying of votes I think it is a bad thing. No one regrets it more than the politician.

"I think the popular idea that politicians are dishonest is wrong. I believe there is more honesty among politicians than among business men, even; because a business man doesn't care for public sentiment, and a politician is always afraid of public sentiment. A politician has his reputation to defend, and he wants to leave a good name to posterity.

"It is distasteful to the politician to buy a vote. He knows he is doing wrong."

"Is there any other way to do it?" he was asked.

"He knows that if he doesn't buy the vote the other fellow will.

"In regard to the spoils system which Bishop Potter condemns, I believe in the Jacksonian theory that 'to the victor belongs the spoils.' Why do I believe it? Because I think a man in office should surround himself with people who think like him, people who are friendly to him and people whom he can trust, instead of people who will try to undermine him. I do not believe in this civil-service examination humbug.

"In regard to practical politics, I think the practical politician is more honest than a man taken from outside of political life and put into office. For a practical politician cannot afford to be dishonest because he knows he will be detrumped, but an outsider put into office may feather his nest while he is there because he doesn't intend to stay in politics.

"I must say," said Mr. Walsh, in conclusion, "that I should like to see the buying of votes stopped, and that Bishop Potter is a very brave man."

Assemblyman John Connelly, of the Nineteenth District, said:

"Bishop Potter made an able speech, but somewhat Anglomaniac in its tendencies. I agree with him that political parties are necessary to keep society sweet.

"Again I agree with him when he says:

The danger of the present situation is that the people are too largely silent.

"Money is always useful, but I know that politicians are just as honest as any business man. I am sure that there is no more corruption in politics to-day than there was in Washington's time. I believe that the political tendencies in our cities, large and small, are just as elevating and worthy of inspiring noble sentiments as the most refined social tendencies.

"There is a good deal said and written about the spoils system, the purchase of votes, &c., and Bishop Potter referred to it in his address, but really there is no more dishonesty practised by active politicians to-day than what is done by many reputable business men.

"It is the rule of the hour that if you want anything you must pay for it, and I believe that politics to-day is free from corruption and further than many another profession."

"What do you understand by the Bishop's reference to plutocracy?" Mr. Connelly was asked by the reporter.

"A plutocrat I understand means a man of wealth and influence, who arrogant in his might thinks he can rule the world by means of his gold, and who is willing to attempt to do so in furtherance of his own desires for good or evil."

"Are there many such in politics?" he was asked.

"None in the Democratic ranks," he replied, naively; and added, "but seriously speaking, I do not know a politician in either party who could rightfully be called a plutocrat according to my definition," he concluded.

AT THE POLES AGAIN.

Eighth Avenue the Scene of Destruction To-Day.

The two gangs of the Department of Public Works to-day resumed the work of taking down the telegraph poles and wires under Mayor Grant's order.

The operations point this morning was Eighth avenue, between Fifty-third and Fifty-ninth streets.

Murat Halstead's Convalescence.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

CINCINNATI, May 6.—Murat Halstead expects to get to his office in the early part of this week, so rapidly is his convalescence going on. He will visit Washington in a few days, and will then go abroad to spend two months or more at the German Springs.

Secretary Cook Improving.

The condition of Secretary Cook continues to improve. He was slightly feverish yesterday, but to-day the fever has entirely left him.

BEGINNING THE FIGHT

Gilroy Gets a Slight Advantage in the First Encounter.

Smith's "Breach-of-Peace" Injunction Will Not Hold.

Gilroy's Appeal Argued Before Judge Barrett in the Supreme Court.

The first engagement in the legal war which has been declared between Thomas F. Gilroy and D. Lowber Smith for possession of the Department of Public Works, occurred this morning before Justice Sedgwick, in the Special Term of the Superior Court.

Although not decisive it resulted in the defeat of the Smith forces.

The argument was on the continuance of Smith's injunction restraining Gilroy from forcibly interfering with him in the discharge of his duties as Commissioner of Public Works.

Ex-Judge Nelson J. Waterbury and Robert E. Sewell appeared in behalf of Smith, and ex-Congressman W. Bourke Cockran, William H. Clark and James C. Carter for Gilroy.

It required but little argument on behalf of Gilroy, and Lawyer Sewell found his worst opponent in Judge Sedgwick, who intimated that an injunction would not lie in the case, as it is nothing more than an attempt to restrain a man from committing a breach of the peace.

He said that in his opinion, as his court has no jurisdiction to try the title to the office, it should issue no enjoining process.

Out of courtesy to counsel, however, he took the brief and withheld his decision.

Reinforced by ex-Judge Noah Davis and Calvin Frost, counsel for Mr. Smith, the party left the Superior Court and repaired to Supreme Court, Chambers, there to argue before Judge Barrett the motion of Mr. Gilroy to compel Mr. Smith to deliver the books and records of the Public Works office to him as his successor in office.

Among the interested listeners to the argument of counsel were Register Slevin, Under-Sheriff Sexton, Judge Monell and Aldermen Carlin and David Barry.

Lawyer Carter opened the proceedings by making a plain statement of the contents of the moving papers, to the effect that Thomas F. Gilroy has been appointed successor to D. Lowber Smith, and under the special statute providing therefor demands the possession of the books and records.

Lawyer Frost, in opposition, made a chronological statement of D. Lowber Smith's claim to hold office for a term extending to May 1, 1891, following up the term of George M. Van Nort, on Dec. 29, 1871, with that of Fitz John Porter, Allan Campbell, Hubert O. Thompson, Rollin M. Squire and Gen. John Newton.

Mr. Frost said that the whole contest is over the language of the Consolidation act of 1882, which says that the term of the Commissioner to be appointed in December, 1884, should run for four years from May 1 following.

Smith's claim is that there was no such contingency; that Thompson's term expired in December, 1883, and there was therefore no Commissioner to be appointed at that time.

Whether the Legislature had the right to fix on May 1, 1885, as the date for the term of Commissioner Squire to begin is a question of law, and that right Mr. Frost denied.

Mr. Carter offered to show from the appointment book in the Mayor's office the exact length of the terms of the several Commissioners of Public Works since Commissioner Van Nort's term.

Its admission was objected to on the ground that the remarks and memoranda as to the lengths of terms contained in the book are not evidence; that the proper evidence are the appointments themselves.

Judge Barrett held this, and the original appointments were sent for.

Meanwhile, argument was had on the law, James C. Carter taking the affirmative for Mr. Gilroy.

Mr. Frost had made alternative claims for Mr. Smith. According to his idea, his term does not expire until May 1, 1891, or May 1, 1892.

The latter claim Mr. Frost based upon a contention that the Legislature made a mistake of one year in the Consolidation act, and that in describing the term of the successor of Commissioner Thompson, it intended to say 1883 instead of 1884, which it did.

Mr. Carter made sport of this alternative prayer for relief and suggested that Mr. Smith and his counsel should have known their mind and what they desired and intended to do before they took their present stand.

He contended that the only construction to be place on the section of the Consolidation act referred to is by striking out the false description as to the end of Thompson's term.

There will then be left the words fixing the term of the "successor of the present incumbent," and that is all that is necessary.

The false description of subject matter never renders a written instrument or legislation inoperative. Mr. Carter cited several cases in point.

He then went on to deny that there had been any mistake in the act, and that it was the intention of the Legislature to extend the term of Thompson, which was to expire in 1883, to December, 1884.

Mr. Carter closed his argument by saying that the questions raised by Smith are nothing but quibbles—mere paltering, unworthy of contention by lawyers, and indicative simply of the desperation which defeated political aspirants resort to to secure that which they could not obtain at the polls.

The original appointments of Squire, Newton and Smith were then produced and read in evidence.

That of Squire showed that Mayor Edson appointed him for the term ending "May 1, 1889."

Ex-Judge Noah Davis argued the questions of law involved in behalf of D. Lowber Smith.

He denied the right of Judge Barrett sitting under the provisions of a special statute, with limited power, to decide the questions of constitutionality which have arisen. That statute, he insisted, was passed, as the revisers state, for the purpose of recovering books and papers wilfully withheld.

The constitutional questions, he argued, can only be determined on proceedings quo warranto, such as Commissioner Smith suggested, should be brought.

TERRIBLE FOREST FIRES.

Property and Perhaps Lives Being Lost in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

DULUTH, May 6.—The forest fires which are raging for miles and miles in Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin have already been productive of almost incalculable damage and, it is feared, with starling loss of life.

Whole villages are practically hemmed in by flames which the high winds have fanned into fury, while scattered houses of settlers and foresters have been totally destroyed.

Heavy losses are reported in logging districts, $20,000 worth of skidded logs having been burned on the Fon du Lac Indian Reservation.

There also report of $40,000 loss at Cumberland, Wis.

Thomas Campbell and Ernest Lowell lost their camp outfit, and were themselves burned, perhaps fatally, near Hinckley, Minn.

Winnipeg's Big Fire.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

WINNIPEG, Man., May 6.—The fire which threatened this whole town this morning was subdued after destroying the Jewish Synagogue, the Brooklyn Hotel, the Nickel Plate Hotel and six stores. The Methodist Church and several other large buildings caught fire, but were saved. The loss cannot yet be accurately given.

London's $1,000,000 Soap Fire.

[BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.]

LONDON, May 6.—The immense soap and perfume manufactory of the Messrs. Gibbs was burned this morning. The loss will exceed $1,000,000.

IS IT ONE TRAGEDY?

That of the Blood-Stained Trunk and of Missing Dr. Cronin.

Chicago People and Police Much Stirred Up by This Latest Mystery.

The Connection Indicated by the Locks of Hair Found in the Trunk.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

CHICAGO, May 6.—The police and people generally are much stirred up over the mystery attaching to the trunk, with its bloody contents, the saturated cotton and locks of brown hair, found between the Graceland and German Catholic cemeteries, Lakeview, yesterday.

A trunk mystery of this sort has a peculiar interest at any time, and in this case the interest is intensified by the coincident disappearance of Dr. P. H. Cronin and the resemblance to Dr. Cronin's hair of the brown locks found in the bloody cotton.

When Dr. Cronin was called away by the dark stranger who came with a buggy Saturday night, it was ostensibly to attend a man who had been badly injured at a house at Lakeview.

Two policemen claim to have seen a wagon containing two men and a trunk pass rapidly in the Lakeview direction very early yesterday morning, and one of them says the wagon came back to the city later without the trunk.

The disappearance of the doctor and the finding of the trunk and its contents are now connected in all minds as parts of one tragedy.

Dr. Cronin was a personal friend of the British spy, Le Caron, and was a leader of the radical element in the Irish party, and he is known to have had many bitter enemies.

He was forty years old, and his people are in Canada.

Policemen and detectives have been prosecuting a vigorous search through Lakeview to-day in the endeavor to find further clues to the trunk mystery, or to Cronin's disappearance, but without avail.

Friends of the doctor deny the theory that intemperance had to do with his disappearance, and say he was not a man who drank to excess.

ELECTRIC SUGAR AGAIN.

The Electric Sugar swindle bubbled up again to-day before Recorder Smyth in the Court of General Sessions.

William E. Howard, who was one of the astute luminaries in the sugar fraud, has been out on bail since last March, improving the mean time to get his wits in order at Ann Arbor, Mich.

Howard is charged with obtaining $6,500 of Mr. Lawson N. Fuller, one of the stockholders in the Friend Electric Sugar racket, under false pretenses.

Howard's wife and Mrs. Friend, as well as Messrs. Augustus and George Halstead, who are all charged with complicity in this immense swindle, have languished in the Tombs all this time in default of bail.

Mr. Howard put in an early appearance in the court this morning as if to show a cheerful alacrity in coming to judgment. Finding that his presence was not required at once, he loitered out again, while his robust counsel, the roseate William Howe, held the fort.

Howard is a tall, gaunt chap with a worn face, and the absence of any neckcloth served to accent his personal appearance still more in regard to ample Mr. Howe, who has a weakness for neckscarfs. Howard's bail is $2,250.

At 11.50 Howard was called to the bar, and the keen, Yankee-looking fellow, with his shaven upper lip, at once appeared and put his left hand behind his ear to catch every word.

Mr. Howe said he would plead guilty if Recorder Smyth would allow a subsequent demurrer. He asked half an hour to read the indictment, and Recorder Smyth generously allowed him an hour.

A new indictment was made to avoid any evasion on a technicality. Mr. Lawson N. Fuller paid Howard the money through Mr. Cottrill, President of the Company.

The first indictment charged Howard with defrauding Lawson N. Fuller. The one of this morning also charges him with defrauding the Electric Sugar Company, and also Messrs. Cottrill and Robinson.

Mr. Howe claims that the new indictment is illegal, the District-Attorney's office having slipped in two new charges.

Mr. Howe decided to enter a demurrer and the case was set down for Monday.

CARNOT'S ASSAILANT CRAZY.

PARIS, May 6.—Much of the excitement over yesterday's assault on President Carnot has subsided, as medical examination of the man calling himself Perrin has shown that he is a lunatic with a hobby of a grievance against the Government. He will be ordered to confinement in an asylum.

Four chambers of the revolver which was taken from the prisoner were loaded with blank shells, and it was undoubtedly a blank which was fired in President Carnot's direction.

AN EX-DRUG CLERK TURNS BURGLAR.

Franklin A. Lindig, a dudishly dressed young man, who claims to be a professional singer, was a prisoner to-day in the Tombs Police Court.

He was charged with breaking into the establishment of Joseph Hartog, 45 Broad street, and stealing a quantity of clothing and furniture on Jan. 22 last.

Lindig is well-known by the patrons of druggists Hudnut, Milhau, Hegeman, and Ditman, and was the young man with a clean shaven face and dire sed in the height of fashion who dispensed soda-water from the fountain.

Subsequently he got a position with Soda-Water Sirup Manufacturer Hartog, but was discharged.

He next turned up as a collector for Clark & Lyons, agents for A. D. Puffer & Sons, of Boston. While in their employ it is alleged Lindig