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DIVE-KEEPERS WARY.

Stevenson's Conviction an Object Lesson for Them.

Complaints Made of Attempts to Intimidate Witnesses.

Another of the Crew to Be Called for Trial Next Week.

NEW YORK'S OUTLAWS.

[A Table Subject to Daily Change.]

Awaiting Sentence.

TOM STEVENSON.

In the Penitentiary.

BILLY M'GLORY, AUGUST GUIDON.

Indicted and Dives Closed.

TOM GOULD, JOHN KELLY,
THOS. M'CORMICK, LOUIS WALTHERS,
CHARLES SMITH, CAREY WELCH,
PAUL M'CARTHY, DAN SCRIBNER,
AL DAVIS, J. H. M'GURK,
J. J M'ALEER.

Fugitives from Justice.

DAN SCRIBNER. AL DAVIS.

Licenses Revoked.

TOM STEVENSON, AL. DAVIS.
CAREY WELCH. AUGUST GUIDON.
CHARLES SMITH. JOHN WULFERS.

Dive Annexes Closed.

SIMON BUTTNER, JOHN J. MURPHY.
FRANK STEVENSON. JAMES SULLIVAN.

Held for the Grand Jury.

MAX GOMBOSSY. LOUIS STAJER.

"Concerts" Suspended.

IGNATZ BUTTNER.

The occupation of New York's dive-keepers is gone. Their opportunity has passed and they know it. With two of the dive-keepers in prison and a third awaiting sentence, the remainder have before them an object lesson which they cannot afford to ignore.

The dives are consequently dark and the depraved men and women who frequented them have been driven off the city's highways. The result of the closing of the dives was illustrated in a return made to the Jefferson Market Police Court the other day by Capt. Ryan, of the Fifteenth Precinct, "No Arrests." This return was for twenty-four hours, and was so unusual as to call for especially favorable comment from the sitting Justice.

To-morrow Mr. Tom Stevenson, convicted as the keeper of the notorious "Slide," will be called before Judge Martine in the Court of General Sessions for sentence. The maximum penalty for the crime of keeping a disorderly house is one year's imprisonment and a fine of $500.

It is the present intention of the District-Attorney to call another of the indicted dive-keepers to trial during the coming week. Which of the lot is to be the unlucky one he declines to say. His reason for reticence on this score may be inferred from the following statements made by an attache of the District-Attorney's office:

"The experience in the Stevenson case shows that the friends of the dive-keepers are making every effort to prevent the conviction of the accused. Witnesses are cajoled, threatened and bought off, and every inducement is offered to prevent them from appearing at the trial.

"A dozen witnesses who had expressed a willingness to testify against Tom Stevenson failed to show up at the trial, and some of those who went on the witness-stand refused to stick to the stories which they had previously told Assistant District-Attorney Lyon.

"It was learned that one witness who had been sent for before the trial had been followed to his home by four men after he left the District-Attorney's office, and was threatened with dreadful consequences if he dared to testify against Stevenson. It is believed that witnesses against the other dive-keepers will be subjected to the same process of intimidation if their names are known or suspected before trial."

Mayor Grant has not yet passed finally upon the case of Ignatz Buttner, the renewal of whose concert license for the Gotheum, at 204 Bowery, was withheld as a result of THE EVENING WORLD'S exposure of that resort.

The evidence given by the twenty-eight witnesses for Buttner, who were examined by the Mayor's secretary yesterday, will be typewritten and submitted for the Mayor's consideration. When he has waded through and weighed the mass of testimony his decision will be made known.

HILL SLATE FOR CHICAGO.

Partial List of New York Delegates as Said to Be Selected.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

ALBANY, Feb. 18.—Much interest is excited among the politicians and legislators here by the putting out of the following, which is said to be a correct partial list of the delegates slated for the Democratic National Convention:

1. Israel T. Moritt, Edward Hawkins. 2. John Delmas, Austin McCarthy. 3. James Kidgway, Thomas E. Pearsall. 4. Hugh McLaughlin, Aunt J. Jerks. 5. John Cottier, Senator McCarren. 6. Frank T. Fitzgerald, William L. Brown. 7. Thomas F. Grady, Amos J. Cummings. 8. Edward T. Fitzpatrick, John R. Fellows. 9. Bernard Greiner, Jacob Cantor. 10. W. Bourke Cockran, Sheridan Shook. 11. Hugh J. Grant, Senator Plunkitt. 12. James J. Martin, Congressman Fitch. 13. Thomas F. Gilroy, Charles W. Dayton. 14. William Ryan, Andrew C. Imbie. 15. C. Fred Lamont, George M. Beebe. 16. Sam. J. Tilden, James B. Hinckley. 17. John C. Brodhead, Andrew Young. 18. Edward Murphy, Jr., Robert Hamilton. 19. James Mackin, Anthony Brady. 20. Edward Wample, E. Cutter. 21. George S. Weed, Andrew T. Talmage. 22. Lee H. Brown, George Hall. 23. James M. Demarest, F. S. Schaub. 24. Clinton Brockwith, Congressman Van Horn. 25. William B. Kirk, Lawrence Kelly. 26. Patrick Keady. 27. Alfred Bedford, Charles F. Durston. 28. Wm. Bulger, 29. Robert P. Bush, Timothy S. Williams. 29. John Brennan, Austin S. Lathrop. 30. William Purcell, William H. Veeder. 31. William Hamilton, George Church. 32. William F. Sheehan, Gorham Lane. 33. W. Cary Eg, John M. Wiley. 34. James V. McAdam, William Bonstaver.

It is intimated that John Boyd Thacher, of the World's Fair commission, may be one delegate-at-large, and, less positively, that Gov. Flower may be the other. It is, of course, a hill delegation.

POINTERS ON THE RACES.

Two-Year-Olds to Run Half a Mile at Guttenburg To-Day.

Brussels, Jay F. Dee and Other Good Ones to Contest for a Purse.

The programme at Guttenburg to-day is an excellent one, with a half-mile dash for two-year-olds the feature. That good filly Miss Bess will meet Vocal, the Maud P. filly, One, Irene colt, Elk Knight, Harlequin, Bijou colt, Fedora II. colt, Josephine and Jack Adler. These should make a pretty race, and one that will effectually show whether Miss Bess is as good as she is supposed to be.

The mile race, fifth on the card, ought to furnish a good contest between Jay F. Dee, Joe Courtney, Brussels, Virgie and others equally as good. The track will be hard and fast. The entries are as follows:

First Race.—Purse, $400; beaten horses; five and a half furlongs.

Jed	121	Turk II	106
Churchill Clark	118	Count Luna	104
Quibbler	110	Icebers	102
Peralto	110	Under Cover	95
Catherine colt	115	Flambeau	117

Peralto may win the opening event. He has shown considerable speed in his past few races. Quibbler may be the runner up and Under Cover may beat the others.

Second Race.—Purse $400; selling allowances; six and a half furlongs.

Olalice	109	Marie Lovell	94
Monday	105	George C.	89
Granite	109	Smuggler	89
Cassella	99	Innovation	84

Smuggler looks to have an excellent chance to win this race, and George C. may be second. Marie Lovell ought to beat the others.

Third Race.—Purse $400, for two-year-olds; selling allowances; one-half of a mile.

One	110	Bijou colt	100
Maud P. filly	107	Fedora II. colt	100
Miss Bess	107	*Josephine	97
Irene colt	103	Vocal	97
Elk Knight	108	Jack Adler	97
Harlequin	102		

* Late Lady Lightfoot filly.

Miss Bess on past performances looks to be the best in this race, but with ten pounds allowance Vocal should give her a good race. The Maud P. filly may be third.

Fourth Race.—Purse $400; seven furlongs.

Algernon	122	Silver Mint	119
Sallie Harper	119	Tasso	107
Ojda	112	McKeever	104
Picket	119		

This race may be won by Tasso, who, with his advantage in weight, ought to win handily. Sallie Harper may be second and Ojda may beat the others.

Fifth Race.—Purse $500; selling allowances; one mile.

Joe Courtney	100	Brussels	102
Jay F. Dee	100	Virgie	101
Glenlochy	103	Brooklyn	84
Lady Pulsifer	106		

This race may go to Brussels. He is in very light, and his performance in the mile and a quarter race the other day cannot be overlooked. Jay F. Dee may be the runner up and Joe Courtney may be third.

Sixth Race.—Purse $400; selling allowances; seven furlongs.

Harrison	122	My Craft	116
Bisk	122	Longard	110
Jack Batchelor	119	Mamie Hubbard colt	107
Harry Ireland	119		

The closing event may go to Harrison, with Jack Batchelor second and Mamie Hubbard colt third.

Probable Winners at Gloucester.

Judging by the usual conditions of weight, form and distance, the races at Gloucester to-day may result as follows:

First Race—Parg Ridge, Pilgrim, Paola.
Second Race—West Farms, Little Dan, Montreal.
Third Race—The Fermin, Ballston, Boyle Rhodes.
Fourth Race—Belisarius, Mabel, Pliny.
Fifth Race—Guard, Blackburn, Hawkeye.
Sixth Race—Lomax, Passmore, Cornelia.

Morning Papers' Selections.

First Race—Peralto, Churchill Clark.
Second Race—Innovation, Marie Lovell.
Third Race—Miss Bess, Vocal.
Fourth Race—Silver Mint, Sallie Harper.
Fifth Race—Virgie, Jay F. Dee.
Sixth Race—Harrison, Harry Ireland.

First Race—Churchill Clark, Turk II.
Second Race—Innovation, Smuggler.
Third Race—Miss Bess, Maud P. filly.
Fourth Race—McKeever, Sallie Harper.
Fifth Race—Brooklyn, Brussels.
Sixth Race—Harrison, Jack Batchelor.

First Race—Jed, Peralto.
Second Race—Innovation, Marie Lovell.
Third Race—Miss Bess, Maud P filly.
Fourth Race—Tasso, McKeever.
Fifth Race—Brooklyn, Joe Courtney.
Sixth Race—Harrison, Nannie Hubbard colt.

First Race—Flambeau, Jed.
Second Race—Innovation, Noonday.
Third Race—Miss Bess, Vocal.
Fourth Race—McKeever, Sallie Harper.
Fifth Race—Brooklyn, Glenlochy.
Sixth Race—Nannie Hubbard colt, Harrison.

First Race—Churchill Clark, Peralto.
Second Race—Marie Lovell, Noonday.
Third Race—Maud P. filly, Miss Bess.
Fourth Race—Sally Harper, McKeever.
Fifth Race—Joe Courtney, Brooklyn.
Sixth Race—Harrison, Jack Batchelor.

Political Potpourri.

The Democratic Convention for the Third Westchester District will be held at Peekskill this afternoon.

Thomas C. Platt is suffering from a bad cold which confined him to the Fifth Avenue Hotel yesterday.

Mayor's Private Secretary Willis Holly left to-day for a week's vacation, which will be spent in Boston and Albany.

The regular monthly meeting of the Republican County Committee will be held in Grand Opera-House Hall to-night.

The Twenty-second Assembly District's Onward Republican Club will give its first ball at Lenox Hall, Seventy-second street and Third avenue, on the night of Washington's Birthday anniversary.

Ex-Congressman Perry Belmont, who was Minister to Spain under President Cleveland, has declared in favor of machine politics, the calling of an Early State Convention by the Democratic State Committee and, incidentally, of Senator Hill as a Presidential candidate.

The Republican County Executive Committee which met yesterday, is said to have unanimously agreed that ex-Coroner John R. Nugent, who used to dispense gingerbread and sausviches at the Parge Office, should be well provided for by the Federal Government.

Assistant Appraisers Edgar A. Brown of the Wool Division and Francis Gross of the Sugar Division of the United States Public Stores, have been removed from office as "inefficient." Brown is a Democrat, which is thought to account in some measure for his alleged inefficiency.

The first of Tammany Hall's delegations to the Albany Convention will leave at 1.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon and spend Sunday in the Capital City. Fifteen hundred braves are expected to go and forty to fifty cars will be necessary to transport them.

The Republican Committee charged with the duty of reconciling the two factions of the party in the Eighth Assembly District will meet on Saturday. It is believed that ex-Assemblyman Brodsky and Gustav Schurmann, the rival leaders, will kiss and make up.

C. C. Baldwin, Chairman of the County Democracy County Committee, has received a letter from ex-Gov. James D. Porter, of Tennessee, in which that gentleman declares the preference of Tennessee Democrats for the party's Presidential candidate are with Cleveland.

Sing Sing's Democratic factions had their usually lively time at the caucus held last night. Ex-Senator Henry C. Nelson headed his ticket with an out-and-out Cleveland man, and Warden Brown, of the Penitentiary, had his strength for the Lerrabee ticket. Nelson was defeated by a majority of 112 in 920 votes cast.

The proposal to amend the Constitution to provide for the consolidation of the Superior Court and the Court of Common Pleas in this city is said to have no political significance. The proposed amalgamation of the two Courts is designed simply to facilitate business. As it is now the calendars of both are encumbered with entried cases, some of which were placed there more than a year ago.

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DAVID D. WITHERS IS DEAD.

The Millionaire Owner of Monmouth Park Died This Morning.

Rich and Eccentric Patron of Art, the Drama and the Turf.

David D. Withers, known in the turf world as "the Sage of Brookdale," died at 3.30 o'clock this morning at the Brevoort House. He had been ailing several days, but it was not until Monday evening that he began to feel apprehensive that his condition was serious.

Dr. Partridge, of 19 Fifth avenue, was called in, and he found that the veteran turfman was suffering from a complication of Bright's disease and diabetes.

D. D. WITHERS.
[From a recent sketch made at Morris Park track.]

The physician prescribed medicines which relieved his patient's sufferings, and he felt so well Tuesday morning that he decided to go to Philadelphia to keep an engagement with Vice-President A. J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mr. Withers returned to this city Thursday evening, and again sent for Dr. Partridge, who was surprised to find that an unfavorable change had occurred. On the physician's advice Mr. Withers took to his bed.

Dr. William Polk, of 7 East Thirty-sixth street, was called in for consultation with Dr. Partridge yesterday, and the conclusion reached was that Mr. Withers's death was only a question of a few hours.

Last night Dr. Russell, of 172 East Tenth street, and a professional nurse remained at the bedside of the dying man, and were the only persons present when the end came.

To an EVENING WORLD reporter Dr. Partridge said this morning that Mr. Withers's death was painless, as it had been found necessary to keep him under the influence of opiates. He was unconscious when he died.

Mr. Withers's body was embalmed this forenoon and placed in a private parlor of the hotel. Augustus Clason, a nephew of Mr. Withers, who had been summoned from Virginia, said that the funeral arrangements were as yet incomplete.

He believed, however, that unless his uncle had provided differently in his will, the body would be taken to St. Mark's Church Saturday evening, and thence to the old Marble Cemetery in Second street to be placed in the family vault.

David D. Withers was born in Greenwich street seventy-one years ago, when that was the most aristocratic neighborhood in New York and Fourteenth Street was out in the country.

He was the son of fine old Reuben Withers, a Knickerbocker blue blood. As a boy he played on the Batt ry, and learned to shift for himself.

Early in his manhood he became a planter in Louisiana, and he owned a plantation of 2,000 acres in that State at the time of his death.

Mr. Withers was eccentric. He never married. He lived at the Brevoort House ever since 1850.

He was an enthusiast in the breeding of racing horses, and his great stock farm is situated in the heart of one of the richest counties of New Jersey, five miles from Long Branch, where have been bred the wonderful two-year-olds for which Mr. Withers was famous.

He was a stanch patron of art and the opera, and his was a familiar figure in opera-house audiences. He held the controlling interest in the Nassau Ferry Company.

When Monmouth Park had been declared a failure nine years ago Mr. Withers bought a controlling interest in it from John Chamberlain. He expended $2,000,000 in making it the best-appointed racing park in America, and the most successful as well.

Mr. Withers leaves a younger brother, Reuben Withers, who is an invalid, now in Paris, and three sisters, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Ludlow and Madame the Countess de Raucourt, all of this city.

Another brother, Alfred D. Withers, died Dec. 31 at Norfolk, Va., and a sister, Mrs. Euphanie D. Clason, died at Fairfield, Va., Nov. 28 last.

RAILWAY STATION BURNED.

Sparks from an Engine Wrought Havoc at North Elizabeth.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 18.—The depot at North Elizabeth, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was burned this morning. The fire was started by a spark from a locomotive falling in the bedroom of the station agent.

The station was built over the tracks and the passengers had thrilling experiences as the trains dashed through the flames and smoke.

There was little interruption to travel. Mrs. James E. Reid, the station agent, saved the tickets and money. The loss is about $6,000.

Tersely Told Tales of the Town.

Caldwell H. Colt, of the Dauntless, has been elected Commodore of the Larchmont Yacht Club.

George N. Nason, of Brooklyn, has been appointed by Postmaster Van Cott, Assistant Superintendent of the Registry Department, in place of Charles L. Perry, resigned.

Edgar A. Brown and Francis Grosse, Assistant Appraisers on Appraiser Cooper's staff, whose places are worth $5,000 a year each, have been removed by President Harrison.

Widower Clarence E. Fairchild's complaint for larceny against Daisy Burt, who removed the furniture from his home, which, it is alleged, he installed her, has been dismissed by the Grand Jury.

Another church congregation—the Third Universalist Society, on West Eleventh street—will move uptown. A site for a building costing $65,000 has been selected on Eighty-first street, near Ninth avenue.

Thieves smashed the window of Jacob Goldsinger & Co.'s jewelry store, 170 Division street, and stole a tray of diamonds valued at $900. Thomas Greene, of 137 Attorney street, was caught with the booty.

William Wippert, a commercial traveller, has recovered $750 in a suit for damages from Commission Merchant William Blunt, of Brooklyn. Blunt accused Wippert of flirting with a lady who was in his company and returned.

In his will, Frederick Oppermann, Jr., the brewer, bequeaths to his father one-third of his business, which he empowers his executors to continue. The remainder of the estate is to create a trust for the benefit of his family.

Three highwaymen secreted themselves in the shrubbery at the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Manhattanville, and ordered John Bregnon, a messenger for a confectioner, to stand and deliver. He had nothing to deliver and was badly beaten.

PAXI, PAXI, PAXI, PAXI, best all tobacco cigarettes, 10 cts. per package *,*

DRIVEN OUT IN NIGHT-ROBES.

Tenants of Big Fortieth Street Flats in a Fire Panic.

Nineteen Horses Perish in an Early Morn ng Fire.

A disastrous fire broke out in the basement of 328 West Forty-first street early this morning, and before the firemen could subdue the flames nineteen horses were suffocated and burned to death.

Policeman Edward O'Neil, of the West Thirty-seventh street station, about 1.45 o'clock saw flame and black smoke issuing from the basement of Thomas Farrell's boarding-stable and bar fixtures and refrigerator manufacturing establishment, a big five-story brown-stone front structure at 328 West Forty-first street. The officer turned in an alarm, but when the firemen reached the scene so fierce was the conflagration that it was thought expedient to send in a second, and even a third alarm.

The fire meantime made such progress that when the additional firemen came all chance of saving the animals was abandoned, and the work of preserving the building from utter destruction became the imperative task.

The shrill, almost human cries of the unfortunate animals as they were being smothered and cremated alive were heartrending to the immense crowd that had quickly collected.

The elegant new double flats in the rear of the burning building, Nos. 316 and 318 West Fortieth street, were seen to be in imminent danger. The people who lived in them quickly discovered their peril, and Fortieth street for a brief time was filled with men and women in exceedingly scant attire.

Capt. Crosby, of the West Thirty-seventh street station, who was on the scene, personally assured the frightened women, clad in white night garments, that he thought there was no real danger, and urged them to again seek their respective apartments. Notwithstanding this the tenants would not stir until the thick smoke, which for a time enshrouded everything, had cleared away.

The blaze was by the efforts of the firemen confined to the basement and first floor. Otherwise, a large amount of manufactured goods, consisting of ice-boxes, bar fixtures and such wares, would have been destroyed. In the event of the upper stories being burned the loss would have footed up to nearly $100,000, but the police estimate puts it at not more than $10,000.

Thomas Farrell, proprietor, had three valuable road horses cremated, which he said this morning could not have been bought for $1,000. T. G. Hayes, proprietor of the piano storage buildings, at 311 West Forty-first street, lost four horses valued each at $250, and Vogel Brothers, the clothiers, lost four horses in the flames.

Several other firms in the vicinity lost horses. Mr. Farrell's horses were covered by insurance, and about two-thirds of the damages sustained by other patrons of the stable is equalized by insurance.

At 4.30 A. M. the blaze was practically under control. Its cause has not yet been ascertained, but the Fire Marshal will investigate.

MOURN FOR CAPT. CONNOR.

News of His Death Shocks Hundreds of New Yorkers.

Hundreds of people in this city were grieved this morning to learn of the death in St. Louis of genial, big-hearted Capt. "Billy" Conner, long so well known as a writer, turfman, theatrical manager, bon vivant and landlord of the St. James Hotel.

Capt. Conner has been ill for a long time, and his death had been by his physicians regarded for several weeks as imminent. His malady was cirrhosis of the liver, and he was under treatment at the Mullanphy Hospital in St. Louis, where the end came yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Conner and their daughter were at his bedside during his last hours and when death came. It is said that he was conscious to the last and passed away with a smile on his lips. He was fifty-two years old.

Capt. Conner was the last of the circle of bon vivants of which Billy Florence, Larry and Leonard Jerome and William R. Travers were stars.

He was born of Irish parents in St. Louis and spent his early life on a Mississippi steamboat. He was in business in New Orleans when the war broke out and got his title as Captain by service in the field in a Confederate regiment.

After the surrender of New Orleans he became a reporter on the *Picayune*, also serving as correspondent of the *Spirit of the Times* and THE WORLD. Later he came to New York and became identified with the turf, being the first professional starter at a salary.

Again he returned to New Orleans, made a fortune in cotton speculations, and in 1870 married Ada Webb, the loveliest of the famous Webb sisters, at that time exceedingly popular ladies of the stage.

Returning to New York, Capt. Conner acted as starter on the Monmouth Park, Saratoga and Jerome Park tracks in Summer, and was manager and partner of Lawrence Barrett in Winter, later becoming the phenomentally successful manager of the tragedian McCullough. It is said that while with McCullough he cleared $50,000 a year.

In 1883 Capt. "Billy" settled down as host of the St. James Hotel, and that hostelry became the gathering place of sporting men, theatrical people and all sorts of good fellows—one of the most popular hotels in the country.

Fortune deserted the genial Captain at last, however, and he was ousted from the St. James a year ago, sick and broken down financially and physically. He went to Hot Springs, suffering from a complication of diseases, and several weeks ago was removed to St. Louis.

Mrs. Conner and one daughter, Miss Mignon Conner, survive him. His body will be buried by the Elks in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St. Louis.

Trouble in a Brazilian State—The Governor Driven from the Capital.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

LONDON, Feb. 18.—A despatch from Rio de Janeiro states that advices have been received there from Fortaleza, capital of the State of Ceara, that disturbances have broken out in that State, and the people of the capital have driven the Governor from the city.

Ceara is one of the Northern States of Brazil and has a population which is estimated at over 720,000.

State abounds in medicinal plants, balsams, gums, resins and fruits, and among its minerals are gold, iron, copper and salt.

The trade statistics of the State show that a very extensive commerce is carried on.

Window Smashing Thieves.

Thomas Green, of 137 Attorney street, was held to-day, charged with being one of two thieves who smashed the window of Jeweler Joseph Goldinger's store, at 170 Division street, and stole $250 worth of watches.

Fugitive Hyer Gives Bail.

John Hyer, clerk to William A. Harney, of Jersey City, who is accused of embezzling $6,000, and who fled to California, gave bail in $5,000 to-day, and was released.

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FOR FALLING WOMEN.

To Be Reclaimed in a Metropolitan Woman's Reformatory.

Mr. Sulzer's Bill to Establish It in New York or Brooklyn.

It Provides Funds and Formulates Plans for Its Government.

The bill establishing a reformatory for women, introduced in the Legislature by Assemblyman William Sulzer, of the Fourteenth District, is receiving high commendation from philanthropists in this city, and is said to have excellent prospects of becoming a law.

THE EVENING WORLD was the first to advocate a reformatory institution for that class of young women in New York who, born in poverty or surrounded by evil influences, have taken a downward step in morality, and this paper has repeatedly urged the passage by the Legislature of a bill providing for such an institution.

There is such a reformatory for women at Rochester and another at Hudson. Each has been a marked success in the purposes for which they were intended—the reclamation of young women not utterly depraved and incorrigible.

New York City and Brooklyn, however, are excluded by law from participation in the benefits of these institutions, although there is more temptation to young women in the metropolitan district than in all the rest of the State.

The proposition that there should be such an institution here carries weight, and Assemblyman William Sulzer's bill has for its object the establishing of a reformatory to which wayward young women of the metropolis may be consigned for correction and reclamation, for instruction in useful industries and for mental and moral improvement.

Mr. Sulzer is an earnest champion of the measure, and has succeeded in obtaining the unanimous consent of the Assembly to its introduction and reference without delay to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Sulzer's bill is No. 377 on the Assembly calendar. It is divided into twenty-one sections and provides for the appropriation of $100,000 "for the establishment of a reformatory for women" on lines similar to those defined in the Elmira Reformatory for the less depraved class of male convicts.

The bill names New York or Kings County as the location of the reformatory, which is to be an industrial school as well.

To it must be committed by justices of the peace, police justices and other magistrates or courts in the State of New York all women between the ages of fifteen and thirty years who have been convicted of petit larceny, habitual drunkenness, prostitution or habitual frequenting of disorderly houses or of any misdemeanor.

Women thus convicted may be sent for terms of imprisonment not exceeding five years, and may be released at any time in the discretion of the Board of Managers for good conduct or evident reformation.

The bill provides that the Governor shall appoint a "Board of Managers for the Reformatory for Women," two of whom shall be women, and all of whom shall give their services without pay. Of course, their actual expenses will be repaid to them.

The members of the first Board of Managers will hold office for one, two, three, four and five years respectively, and at the expiration of the term of office of a member of the Board his or her successor will be appointed by the Governor for a five-year term.

A female Superintendent of the Reformatory will be appointed by the Board of Managers, and the Board will organize with a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and each must subscribe to the oath of office and file a bond with the Secretary of State in the penal sum of $5,000.

After organization the first duty of the Board of Managers, as set down in Mr. Sulzer's bill, will be to purchase within six months lands and one or more buildings, either in Kings County or New York City, suitable for or which can be made suitable for the employment of such women as may be committed to the Reformatory.

The board is limited to $100,000 for this purpose, and is given entire discretion in the work of arranging the buildings and appointments for self-supporting employment of the inmates, and their instruction in useful arts and the tenets of morality.

If no ready-made buildings can be found, the Governor is authorized to appoint a superintendent of construction, at $3,500 a year, to take charge of the erection of suitable buildings, the expense always limited to $100,000.

The Superintendent or Matron of the Reformatory will hold her office during the pleasure of the Board, who will fix her salary. She will appoint all the subordinate officers, subject to the Board's approval.

Insane persons, or other women mentally or physically incapable of being benefited by the discipline of such a Reformatory, cannot be committed to the institution, and when the managers are satisfied that any inmate is too young or too old, or mentally or physically incapable of reform, they may return her to the county from which she was committed, where she will be otherwise disposed of by the Court.

The officers of the Reformatory will have the same powers so far as concerns convicted women as deputy sheriffs have, and may arrest an escaped prisoner from the Reformatory anywhere in the State, and having taken her before a court for examination may, with the approval of the magistrate, return her to the institution.

The Board of Managers may liberate an inmate on probation—a plan followed at the Elmira Reformatory for men—and if at any time it becomes evident to the Board that the prisoner thus liberated is not conducting herself properly she may be rearrested on a warrant issued by the Board, signed by the President and Secretary, and returned to the Reformatory.

If a mother with a nursing babe or a child under one year old is committed to the Reformatory she will be permitted to take the child with her to the institution, and such child or a child born in the Reformatory will be permitted to remain till it is old enough, in the judgment of the Board, to be removed to an asylum or some other suitable place.

The law provides also that the courts, when sending a mother of small children to the Reformatory, shall send her children to a proper institution.

The proposed law also provides that an account shall be kept with each inmate. She shall be charged the cost of her maintenance, not to exceed $2 a week, and she shall be credited with the value of her work. If at her discharge, she has earned more than the money for her maintenance, she is to receive the balance. And when she is discharged she is to be clothed by the State, as are discharged convicts from the State prisons.

Mr. Sulzer is enthusiastic in his advocacy of the bill, and to an interview said to an EVENING WORLD reporter:

"The bill is on the lines so often urged by THE EVENING WORLD.

"It was carefully prepared from models whose success in this State have been demonstrated. It is a just, philanthropic, humanitarian measure.

"Under the law as it now stands women in these two counties of New York and Kings, from fifteen years upward, convicted of trivial offenses, commonly called misdemeanors, are sent to the penitentiary. It matters not whether the offense is felonious or trivial; whether the culprit is an old offender, steeped in crime, or some poor girl who has taken her first downward step. On conviction she must be sent to the Island. There is no distinction; no discretion.

"A woman convicted of arson, or burglary, or any other felony is committed to the Island. So, too, is a woman convicted of disorderly conduct or some other of a dozen minor offenses.

"Association of the latter with the former class on the Island, I think all agree, does not reform the latter. Nine times out of ten such a woman comes out somewhat a great deal more about the evil of this world than when she went in, beyond reclamation, and bent on a downward course on account of the criminal association and shame.

"We have a reformatory for our boys and youths. Why discriminate against the girls? If there ever was a subject overlooked by wise legislators from the great metropolis in the closing decade of the nineteenth century it is this.

"I believe the girl or woman who has taken the first indiscreet step on the great broad highway of sin can be reclaimed and saved to society, as well as a manor a boy.

"The records show that 60 per cent. of all women charged with offenses in the city of New York are under twenty years of age. It is idle to say these women are not made worse by incarceration with criminals.

"New York and Kings County are prevented by law from sending women or girls to the other reformatories in the State. It would not help matters to withdraw this prohibition, for by the last reports of these institutions they are now overcrowded.

They have and are doing some grand work.

"If it is worth while to save our boys, let us not lose any time in placing our girls on an equal footing with the male brothers. The consciousness of having done our duty in this righteous matter, if we do nothing else of consequence or importance, ought to be sufficient consolation for our labors at Albany this Winter."

NEW ORLEANS'S GREAT BLAZE.

Estimated Loss of $2,000,000 on Buildings and Stock.

[BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 18.—Two millions of money have gone up in smoke by the burning of the largest retail dry-goods establishments in this city.

The palatial stores of A. Schwartz & Sons, Amos Runkel, S. G. Kreeger, gloves, millinery and fancy goods; Phillip Werlin, pianos and musical instruments; Kraus Brothers, fancy goods and notions; W. T. Cleuverius, retail drugs; John McCloskey, confectioner; James M. Hoffman, worsteds and fancy goods; L. Viple, gloves and perfumery, and Wenger's Concert Hall are in ruins, the interiors gutted and the walls fallen.

The scene of the fire, which broke out at 10.15 last night and burned fiercely until far into this morning, was on Canal street, the principal thoroughfare of the city, at the point where it is intersected by Bourbon street. Schwartz's establishment, where the fire started, was a commanding structure and but recently completed, of four stories and a mansard.

It was all ablaze before a stream could be brought to bear upon it, and the flames spread quickly skyward to Kraus Brothers's establishment on Bourbon street to Cleuverius's drug store.

A general alarm and then a repeated general alarm was sent in and the suburban engines were pressed into service.

A breeze arose to fan the flames and they attacked their prey with renewed vigor.

It was after midnight before the flames showed signs of yielding to the efforts of the firemen.

The promptness with which the various electric currents running through the heart of the city were shut off prevented fatalities, and the only accident noted is an injury to a fireman, caused by falling debris.

Schwartz's stock, valued at over $500,000, was insured for $200,000, and the building for $35,000, considerably below its value.

Holmes's stock was insured for $500,000, and was worth nearly twice as much, but the damage to it is not thought to be very great.

Kraus carried $8,000 on stock and the others were insured in proportion.

Most of the burned buildings were newly erected and considered separate and excellent risks.

Brief Fire Near the Stock Exchange.

An alarm of fire at 11.35 o'clock this morning drew a crowd to the Johnson Building at 30 Broad street.

The fire was in the office of W. P. Ellery & Bro., brokers, on the third floor of the building, but before the engines arrived the fire was got under control.

JUDGE DUFFY GETS HOME.

Returned To-Day from a Pleasure Jaunt to Cuba.

Police Justice Patrick Gavan Duffy, with his wife and friend, Major Kenny, arrived this morning on the steamship City of Alexandria from Havana.

The Magis rate sailed from this city Feb. 3, for a pleasure trip, and has returned invigorated with Cuban society and manners.

News Notes from Everywhere.

Several slight earthquake shocks were felt at Louisville, Ky., yesterday.

By the falling in of a part of the Arnold mine at Pittsburgh, yesterday three men were killed.

The city of Detroit has voted to present the new Government cruiser Detroit a handsome silver punch bowl and tray to cost $1,000.

Eugene Garcia, late purser of the ill-fated Leonidas, died at Sing Sing prison. He had been quitted of complicity in the Lenox robbery.

Amey Whitsell, white, and Jessie Wilson, colored, were captured yesterday in Louisville, Ky., and confessed to murdering her daughter.

Mrs. Chippera, of Winnipeg, the largest woman in the world, has died. She was twenty-six years old and six feet high, weighing 750 pounds.

The defense in the Lopez trial at San Francisco rested quickly yesterday. The testimony in rebuttal will be given to-day and the arguments will commence to-morrow.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt was introduced yesterday to a Whitechapel audience as the leader of the Liberal party in the House of Commons. This seems to indicate that Mr. Gladstone is not to take part in Parliament again.

THE COAL COMBINE BARON OF TO-DAY.

NO POLITICS IN THE SHOT.

Various Theories of the Killing at Tarrytown's Primary.

[SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.]

TARRYTOWN, Feb. 18.—The one topic of conversation here to-day is the killing of James Hannon by Chief of Police George F. Hackett at a Democratic primary in Justice of the Peace Tracy's office last night.

Excitement over the shooting affray, which some pronounce a murder and others a justifiable homicide, was increased when Coroner Sutton arrived shortly after 9 o'clock and began to impanel jurors for an inquest.

The Coroner had permitted the body to be removed to Hannon's home, on Clinton street, only a stone's throw from where he was shot to death.

Here the body lay this morning, watched by the father, two brothers and two children by his first wife.

His friends gathered on a corner near by and discussed the affair as a deliberate murder, while on the opposite side of the street, Hackett's friends were free in expressing the opinion that Hackett had done only what was right and necessary.

There was a disposition on the part of some people to regard the affair as political. Justice Tracy, in whose office the primary was held, is a Hill Democrat; Hannon was a leader of that faction.

The Cleveland faction of the party was represented at the primary by Leader Quinn. Chief Hackett is recognized as a Cleveland man, and while he used to be active in politics when a hack-driver, during his four years' service as a police official he is said to have kept entirely out of politics.

His friends insist that last night he was present at the primary simply in the capacity of a peace officer. From all accounts there was need of an officer, for the primary was a red hot one.

Chief Hackett is the only policeman in the village. Hannon, for the Hill men personally conducted the fight, and according to the Cleveland men, became so boisterous and noisy that Chief Hackett ordered him to be more orderly.

Hannon, it is said, refused to do so, and it is alleged threatened to "cut Hackett's heart out."

Hackett's friends go so far as to say that Hannon and his gang drew knives. At any rate, Chief Hackett attempted to arrest Hannon, when a scuffle ensued and Justice Tracy interfered.

Hackett is then reported to have said: "All right, you're a Justice of the Peace, and I'll leave you to run your own place."

The circle then withdrew, and Hannon and several of his friends followed him into the street. Hackett's friends declare that Hannon then began to abuse the officer, who put him under arrest and clubbed him into submission, breaking his locket in the attempt.

Then Hackett himself says some one of the Hannon gang hit him in the back of the head with a stone, inflicting a bad c