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AIDING BROOKLYN.

More Needed Improvement Suggested by Its Citizens.

Reforms That Would Benefit the City of Churches.

For the Best Suggestions a Gold Double Eagle Is Offered.

Again the attention of contributors to this column is called to the fact that many keep on repeating the suggestions of former contributors. Everybody should try to find something new to suggest, particularly if the intention is to compete for the Gold Double Eagle which THE EVENING WORLD offers for the best suggestion of a needed improvement in the city of Brooklyn. And all Brooklynites should compete. Communications are to be addressed to BROOKLYN IMPROVEMENT EDITOR, THE EVENING WORLD, P. O. Box 2,354, New York.

Sell No Liquor to Minors.

E. J. M.—I would suggest for the improvement of Brooklyn that there be a law passed and enforced prohibiting liquor dealers from selling beer and liquors to young children of both sexes.

A Sidewalk Needed.

WM. BELL.—The people in the neighborhood of the Bushwick Avenue Baptist Church, corner Bushwick avenue and Weirfield street, think it about time that they lay a sidewalk. Many an oath is uttered there on rainy days when the shines are spoiled. I live in the neighborhood.

Suppress Street Loafers.

MRS. A. W. C.—I would think it a great improvement to Brooklyn if the police force of that city could prevent loafers from annoying the citizens, especially in Hopkins street and Floyd street, and a good many in Ellery, Park and Stockton streets, near Nostrand avenue, and in many other streets. Another good improvement would be to have our ashes and garbage collected oftener than once a week.

Annexation Again.

LOUIS MILLER, 328 Bleecker street—The best way to improve Brooklyn would be to annex Brooklyn to New York. By that we would have a cheaper city government, lower taxes and cheaper rents. Unite New York, Kings, Queens, Richmond and Westchester counties. Then our city would be ruled by city people, who would know what our city is in need of. Then we would perhaps have the State Capitol in the Brooklyn section. We would then see all the political angels flying over our church steeples. Then, if these political angels would not give us more public parks and cleaner streets, and do away with the bad odors around the city limits, some of them would not have long to live.

Three South Brooklyn Needs.

SOUTH BROOKLYN.—As a new resident of Brooklyn will you let me offer three suggestions which, if adopted, would help us very much. First, to induce the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to give some attention to the terrible condition of the poor horses on the Vanderbilt avenue surface cars, especially after dark. Sunday evening car No. 6 had over fifty passengers on and a team of cripples to pull the heavy load. One of the horses was wind-broken, and its breathing could be heard nearly a block, and the driver could do nothing but whip and urge them on. He said he had to make time or the Company would put on some one who would. This team is only a sample of many others on the line. Second, that horrible canal and bridge. Allow the latter only to open between the hours of 4 to 5.30 A. M., 3 to 4 P. M. and 10 to 12 P. M. This would not bother us on the way to business. Or else fill the canal up altogether. Third, stop the bootblacks on the Hamilton Ferry from screeching out the word "shine," more than once on a trip. We counted the two bootblacks this morning. They sang out sixty-two times, beside knocking people's feet with their box. Every one would call them if they wanted them, but if spoken to and asked to stop their noise they answer, "We pay for this and we do as we like." Won't you please help us by trying to do away with this nuisance. Then we will feel like trying to live in Brooklyn for another year.

Water Facilities Wanted.

FRANK M. CASSIDY, 444 Seventeenth street—Why don't the Public Works Department make an attempt to improve the water facilities of that section of Brooklyn bounded by Eighth and Ninth avenues, Prospect avenue and Eighteenth street, containing a large factory in the centre, with rows of frame dwellings on the surrounding streets within a stone's throw from the factory? Judging from the present condition two dangers are mostly feared, fire and disease, death apparently hovering over the neighborhood ready to appear suddenly. In case of a conflagration, though the firemen should use their utmost exertions, they would be unable to save much property, and then the city officials must stand public criticisms galore instead of the Fire Department. Meanwhile, death's grim shadow, from its lofty perch in Greenwood, is grinning broadly at the prospects of more additions to its thickly populated graveyard simply through the small-like movements of a city department. Recently the Mayor approved the spending of city money to decorate the pavements of Fifth avenue, from Third street to the city line, while the residents of the neighborhood quoted above are forced to endure useless water facilities which are frequently unfit for family use. Surely this state of affairs needs more particular attention than decorating the street pavements, which are of less importance to the public at large. I am a resident of the neighborhood.

DEATHS IN BROOKLYN.

The following is the official list containing the name of every person in Brooklyn over ten years old whose death was reported to the Department of Health yesterday:

SAMUEL L. ALLEN, 73, No. 1272 4th ave.; carpenter.
RUFUS SCHENCK BERGEN, 62, No. 104 Oak st.; carpet cleaning.
ELIZABETH CARROL, 20, No. 182 Teneyck st.
CHARLES FREMONT CLARKE, 36, No. 114 Montague st.; physician.
ALTEA COOK, 25, No. 83 Heyward st.
ALBERTINA L. DRIVE, 16, No. 798 Herkimer st.
JOHN DONAHUE, 43, St. Catherine's Hospital; boatman.
EVELYN E. DOUGHERTY, 34, No. 15 Ocean place.
CAROLINA EHRMANN, 47, No. 30 Graham ave.
SCILLIE ELRE, 55, No. 92 Thatford ave.
MARIE FISHER, 45, No. 30 Sumner ave.
RICHARD JAMES FITZGERALD, 28, No. 261 Bridge st.; fireman.
PATRICK GILMORE, 25, No. 108 Pearl st.; fireman.
CHARLES GRAFF, 60, St. Catherine's Hospital; shoemaker.
CATHARINE GRUNLIND, 52, No. 309 Stockton st.
TERSA HANE, 20, No. 41 Maspeth ave.
JAMES MADISON HERVEY, 58, No. 211 Myrtle ave.; varnish painter.
JOHN HIGGINS, 42, St. Catherine's Hospital; polisher.
MARY MAGDELENE JOHNSON, 78, No. 180 South 8th st.
THERESA KEMPF, 42, No. 111 Central ave.
THOMAS KIRKPATRICK, 83, No. 223 Putnam ave.
CAROLINE MOLLENHAUER, 30, No. 290 6th ave.
HENRY M. NICHOLS, 35, No. 525 State st.
ANTHONY OERRLEIN, 39, No. 20 Ellery st.; jeweler.
CHARLES W. SANDER, 36, No. 416 Wythe ave.; engraver.
GEORGE AUGUST SCHAUZ, 47, No. 1389 Broadway; musician.
ANDREW SCHMERZEL, jr., 31, No. 960 Lafayette ave.; butcher.
LOUISA SCHNEER, 72, No. 115 Van Dyke st.
FREDERICK SEIFERT, 75, No. 17 Powers st.
JOHN C. STACKWELL, 61, No. 183 Elton st.; merchant.
THOMAS SMITH, 24, St. Catherine's Hospital; bartender.
STEPHEN SWEET, 82, No. 380 Washington ave.; retired.

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TO-NIGHT THE BATTLE ROYAL.

Willis and Nathan Factions Will Fight to a Finish.

Administration Men Claim to Be Ahead in the Assembly Conventions.

For the third time in as many days the rival Republican factions in Brooklyn will clash to-night in the Congressional district conventions, and the last doubts as to who shall be the future leader and who is their choice for President will be swept away.

Naval Officer Willis and his Administration adherents at the Assembly district conventions last night carried nearly everything before them.

Kings County is divided into twelve Assembly districts. Conventions were held in eight of them, the others being postponed until Monday.

In the eight Naval Officer Willis captured forty-four delegates to the State Convention, while Mr. Nathan had to be content with the four delegates, led by ex-Senator Birkett, in the Second Assembly District. In the adjourned conventions Mr. Willis says he is confident of securing twenty additional delegates, which will give him sixty-four out of a possible eighty-one.

At to-night's Congressional district conventions Mr. Willis claims that the delegations to be chosen from the Second and Fifth will be Administration men. He will contest the seating of the delegates from the Seventh Ward at the Third District Convention, on the ground of irregularities at the primaries. Should the contest be upheld Nathan will be frozen out in his own district.

The Willis people claim to have won over John Jacob Schlusser, the Eleventh Ward leader, who as Chairman of his sub-delegation is able to throw the vote of the Fourth Congressional District on either side of the fence. He declared yesterday that he had not yet made up his mind what to do.

Mr. Schlusser has been a candidate for the position of Custodian of the new Federal Building. Wise ones say he will get it if he can bring Secretary Tracy's own district out of the Nathan column.

All through the battle between Willis and Nathan, which has been on for weeks, the hand of the Administration has been seen and felt. Nathan and his office-holding friends say they have daily felt the lash. The recent discharge of one of Nathan's protégés from the Post-Office, and the lopping of heads of those in New York Federal positions who were friendly to Thos. C. Piatt, is taken by the majority of the parties as a warning to keep hands off any movement inimical to Mr. Harrison.

There is a rumor about town to-day that Collector Nathan's official head will soon fall into the basket. It is said that the advisability of such a move was discussed at Washington nearly two weeks ago. Now that his power is thought to be broken, it is said to have been determined upon.

When asked concerning the rumor this morning Mr. Nathan said:

"This is the first I have heard of it. What have I to say? Nothing, for I know nothing about the matter."

He added that to his mind the situation had not changed since yesterday morning, and he believed that his faction and that of Willis were still "even up."

The delegates chosen to the State Convention at last night's Assembly conventions were as follows:

First—Franklin Woodruff, Dennis Hurley, Sutherland Muller, R. Ross Appleton and A. J. Perry.

Second—James W. Birkett, Henry Henderson and Addison W. Hallock.

Fourth—J. J. Schlusser, William C. Herbert, jr., and John Cowan.

Fifth—Theodore B. Willis and William H. Grace.

Seventh—John Fitechmann, William Kayle, Abraham Keller, Henry Sauerbruss.

Eighth—A. C. Bolton, George W. Morrissey, T. J. Percival, W. A. Booth, Charles J. Harrert, George W. Willis, S. H. Hastings, E. J. Kallenbach, H. C. Atwood.

Tenth—Leonard Moody, Robert H. Smith, George W. Buchanan, Charles L. Lincoln, John P. Davis, John Lefferts, Wesley C. Bush, M. V. B. Plumb, Robert N. Fielding.

Twelfth—Robert H. Sharkey, Charles M. Newans, Charles B. Morton, William L. Extance, John Worth, Fred E. Shipman, George Marshall, A. M. Stratton, Thomas Bell, Henry R. Williams, Adolph Kindle and H. M. Smith.

MALCOLM FORD TO WED.

The Noted Athlete Engaged to Miss Jennie Graves.

The engagement is announced to-day of Malcolm W. Ford, the well-known amateur athlete, to Miss Jennie W. Graves, daughter of the late Robert Graves, the marriage to take place early in the Autumn.

Miss Graves is a slender, handsome, blue-eyed girl, who inherits between $100,000 and $200,000 from her father's estate. She is highly accomplished, having been educated in Europe.

Malcolm W. Ford is the son of the late Gordon L. Ford, who died last year, leaving $1,500,000, but omitting to mention Malcolm's name in his will. It was said that he disapproved of his son's devotion to athletics. It is believed, however, that an arrangement has been made by which the young man will receive an equitable portion of his father's estate.

IN BROOKLYN PLAYHOUSES.

"The Ensign" will be given at the Park Theatre next week by a big company and with excellent scenic and mechanical effects. The scenery is naval in character, and is said to be elaborate in construction and design. "The Ensign" is not, however, solely a scenic play. It is a strong, compact drama, well written and skilfully constructed. The company includes Harry Mainhall, George Fawcett, Frazer Coulter, Logan Paul, Wilson Deal, Charles T. Parsloe, W. L. Gleason, T. J. Hawkins, W. T. Hays, Ruth Carpenter, Bessie Hunter, Maribel Seymour, Mrs. Bessie Stevens and Mamie Moore.

Charles Frohman's New York stock company, in "The Lost Paradise," will appear at the Columbia Theatre on Monday evening. The play contains several stirring situations. It will be given by the original cast, including William Morris, Frank Mordaunt, Orrin Johnson, Leslie Allen, Cyril Scott, John C. Buckstone, Misses Sydney Armstrong, Odette Tyler, Maud Adams, Etta Hawkins, Annie Adams and others.

At the Amphion next week the lovers of comic opera will be afforded an opportunity of hearing the Casino success "The Tyrolean." In it Miss Marie Tempest will be seen in a role particularly congenial to her. Her charming rendition of the "Nightingale Song" is a feature of the entertainment. In the supporting company are Fred Solomon, Edwin Stevens, Fred Schuett, Max Figman, Louise Beaudet, Drew Donaldson, Eva Davenport and Sylvia Thorne. The production will be under the personal stage direction of Heinrich Conried.

Miss Sadie Scanlan, a sister of the unfortunate William J. Scanlan, will make her initial appearance in Brooklyn on Monday night in the title role in Fred Marsden's romantic Irish comedy "Lily." During the play Miss Scanlan will give the popular ballad "Molly O" as sung by her brother.

At the Lee Avenue Academy next week, Messrs. Berger and Price will give their patrons another opportunity to witness the performance of "The Charity Ball." The play will be presented by the Lyceum Theatre company, and will be handsomely staged.

At the Novelty Theatre W. T. Heflin's company will present "Ten Nights in a Barroom." New scenery is promised and characters will be assumed by Edward S. Hoyt, Laurance Russell, Miss Frankie St. John, Fannie Hoyt, Little Mildred Claire and others.

Stirk and Zeno, trapeze performers, will remain another week at Huber & Gebhart's Casino. Among the new comers will be the Sheermans, in sketches; Harris and Walters, the Blood Sisters, in songs and dances, and Selig, tried, "the man of many faces." New songs will be sung by Miss Minnie Schultz.

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TO CONSECRATE A BISHOP.

The Mitre to Be Conferred on Father McDonnell Monday.

Magnificent Ceremonials Precede His Installation in Brooklyn's Diocese.

Active preparations are being made in Catholic circles to-day for the ceremonies of consecration of Rev. Dr. McDonnell, the newly appointed Bishop of Brooklyn, which takes place in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth avenue, Monday morning next at 10 o'clock.

The event promises to be one of the most important in Catholic ecclesiastical history of this city by reason of the fact that it will bring together famous clergymen from all parts of the country.

Fully five thousand invitations have been sent out by Father Laveille, rector of the Cathedral, who has charge of all the arrangements for the ceremonial, and it is believed that the affair will by its brilliancy eclipse everything of a like nature that has ever occurred in this country.

The consecration ceremonies will be performed by Archbishop Corrigan, assisted by Bishop McQuaid, of Rochester, and Bishop Chatard, of Vincennes, Ind., formerly rector of the American College at Rome, who ordained the Bishop-elect a priest May 10, 1878.

A pontifical high mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Corrigan, immediately after which the mitre will be conferred on the new Bishop with impressive ceremonies.

Over two hundred priests will be on the altar, and Very Rev. Thomas J. Campbell, Provincial of the Jesuits for the New York-Maryland province, will preach the sermon.

When the ceremonies are concluded Bishop McDonnell will formally receive the congratulations of the clergy and laity.

One week later, May 2, Bishop McDonnell will be formally installed in charge of the Brooklyn diocese, which event will be made memorable by the priests and parishioners of the diocese.

A feature of the consecration next Monday, after the ceremonies, will be the presentation to the new Bishop by Mgr. Farley of a purse of $15,000, as a mark of esteem of the clergy of this diocese.

Dr. McDonnell will return to this city tomorrow from Keyser's Island, on the Sound, where he has been making a retreat under the auspices of the Jesuits.

MEMORIAL DAY STAFF.

Announcement by Grand Marshal Gen. Isaac S. Catlin.

Gen. Isaac S. Catlin, Grand Marshal of Brooklyn's Memorial Day celebration, this morning announced his staff for that occasion.

Gen. Catlin also made public the invitation received from Gen. Horace Porter, President of the Grant Monument Association, requesting the presence of every Grand Army post in Brooklyn at the laying of the corner stone of the Grant Monument at Riverside Park Wednesday next.

The Memorial Committee will accept the invitation, and recommends the attendance of every Grand Army man at those ceremonies.

Those desiring to attend will meet Gen. Catlin and his staff at the Bridge dock at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in civilian's dress.

Following is the announcement for Memorial Day:

Grand Marshal, Comrade Brevet Major-Gen. Isaac S. Catlin.
Adjutant-General, Comrade George H. Jackson.
Assistant Adjutant-General, Comrade Col. Louis Finkelheimer.
Judge Advocate-General, Comrade John Murphy.
Inspector General and Chief Aide-de-Camp, Comrade P. H. McLaughlin.
Surgeon-General, Comrade A. Ross Mathewson, M. D.
Chief Medical Inspector, Comrade C. B. Kenney.
Quartermaster General, Comrade David W. Wilson.
Commissary General, Comrade Francis W. Crofts.
Provost Marshal General, Comrade Andrew J. Lynn.
Assistant Provost Marshal General, Comrade C. Hull Grant.
Paymaster General, Comrade George L. Crane.
Chief of Cavalry, Comrade Thomas Kiernan.
Chief of Ordnance, Comrade Le Moyne Burleigh.
Chief of Artillery, Comrade James T. Kelly.
Chief of Engineers, Comrade Henry Benedict.
Chief Mustering Officer, Comrade Charles Quinn.
Chief Signal Officer, Comrade George W. Brown.
Chaplain, Comrade John G. Bergen.
Assistant Marshal, Comrade M. C. Shattuck.
Assistant Marshal, Comrade James Catling.
Aide-de-Camp, Comrades Isaac Walton, A. D. Moody, Daniel Bragan, Wm. D. E. Nye, John A. Goodman, Charles Fredericks, C. P. Gebhardt, John J. Wolf, George M. Cleveland, Lyman R. Whitcomb, A. J. Dyson, James Porter, George W. Lyons, Hewling L. Pickett, Ford C. Miles, R. B. Towner, William Clifford, Samuel P. Whipple, Samuel T. Parkes, W. W. Pinkney, William Walker and James D. Campbell.

HALF A MILLION AT STAKE.

Suit Involving Bonds of the American Dry Dock Company.

A motion was made before Justice Bartlett in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, to-day by counsel for Thomas Cochran and others, to confirm a referee's report allowing the foreclosure of 500 bonds of $1,000 each, issued in 1886 by the Anglo-American Dry Dock and Warehouse Company.

The bonds were issued to secure an indebtedness of the Company to Cochran and other trustees who had advanced the Company money.

Two hundred and eighty-four of these bonds, the referee held, were still outstanding as a pledge, and his report was for the purpose of computing the amount due on them.

The motion was opposed by counsel representing two other trustees, named Buckley and Stanley, who claim that the Company had no right to issue the bonds, as it was insolvent at the time.

The Guarantee Loan and Trust Company advanced the money on the bonds, and afterwards sold them to Drexel, Morgan & Co.

Justice Bartlett will probably give a decision next Wednesday.

THE PLATT DIVORCE CASE.

A Lawyer's Sore Throat Causes a Postponement Until Monday.

The motion for alimony and counsel fee in the suit for absolute divorce of William H. Platt against Minnie De Tourette Platt was on for hearing this morning before Judge Osborne in the City Court, Brooklyn.

Platt is a retired army engineer. In the present suit against his wife he alleges improper conduct on her part with young Martin B. Waller, son of ex-Gov. Thomas B. Waller, of Connecticut.

In court this morning Lawyer Graves, who appeared for Platt, presented a physician's certificate setting forth that he (the lawyer) was suffering with throat trouble and was unable to go on with the argument.

Lawyer Charles J. Patterson, for the defendant, urged that the motion be decided upon affidavits. He said that Platt had persecuted his wife; had engaged detectives to keep her under espionage and had refrained from keeping an agreement to pay her $30 a month. He said that the allegations in the present suit are the same as in the suit tried last year, when the jury decided in favor of the wife, except that the dates mentioned in the complaint were changed.

The case was adjourned until next Thursday.

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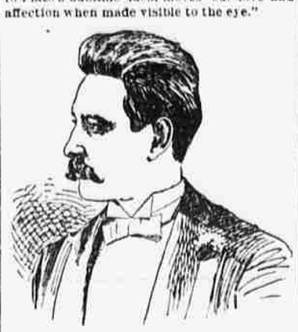
MELPOMENE'S MIMES.

Another of Brooklyn's Amateur Theatrical Societies.

Many Prominent Citizens in the Membership.

It Has a Large and Efficient Dramatic Corps.

To those strait-laced Brooklynites who have commented upon the fact that their city, though known everywhere as the City of Churches, is noted pretty widely for its numerous and talented amateur theatrical organizations, we commend the celebrated sentence of Disraeli: "The stage is a supplement to the pulpit, where virtue, according to Plato's sublime idea, moves our love and affection when made visible to the eye."



FRANCIS VAN DYKE.

The Melpomene Society was organized in 1881. It has been fortunate in its choice of officers from the start. The first President was Mr. G. P. Bradford, who served two terms. Then followed in the order named, Virgil E. Lopez, Fred Cowperthwaite, Fred C. Randall, Thomas G. Hayden, and James Van Dyk, the present incumbent.

Each year has noted a marked advance in prosperity and artistic strength, and the organization has done much to raise the standard of amateur acting to its present high degree of excellence.

The membership is limited to seventy-five, but there are now about thirty honorary members in excess of the regular membership. One of the pleasant features of the Society is that ladies are admitted to the honorary list. At the present time there are about fifteen honorary lady members.

The Melpomene gives six regular performances each season. Each is a matter of much moment in social circles. Tickets to the representations are sought eagerly; they are all "complimentary." Each member of the Society receives his share of admission cards to a performance, and distributes them among his friends. The season begins in November of each year and ends in April. The Criterion Theatre is the house patronized by the Society, and all their performances are given there.

The plays are gotten up in elaborate style, which, of course, costs money. The expenses of the Society are met by monthly dues, paid into the Treasurer's hands by each member.

The home of the Society is at 198 Livingston street, where it has roomy and elegant quarters. It was formerly at 365 Flatbush avenue.

Among the first of the long series of successes of the Melpomene was the performance of "May Blossom" on May 14, 1881. By permission of Gustav Frohman, Ernest Sterner, who played Eph, the negro, in the original production, was allowed to take the management of the amateur representation, he playing the part he had created.

May 14, 1885, was a great night for the Melpomenians, when "A Hundred Thousand Pounds" was played with a great cast. Fred Randall was the Pennithorne, Charles Le Barbe the Gerald Goodwin, Virgil Lopez, Joe Marlowe; Ed Rover, Mr. Fluker. A unique feature of the performance was the rivalry between Misses Lizzie Wallace and Sadie Hicks, to see to which could look the most "old-maidish" in their spinster parts.

One of the old-time members of the Society whose memory deserves to be kept green was Fred Randall. His general excellence was such that it is hard to say which was his best character. His greatest success was probably as Pennithorne in "A Hundred Thousand Pounds."

Another great success was "The Cricket on the Hearth," played on Feb. 1, 1886. Miss Lina W. Reed, Mrs. Matilda Davis, and Miss Star (now editors of the woman's page in *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly*), Miss Lizzie Wallace, Miss Jean Cochran, Douglas Montgomery, W. Phelps, McFarland, Deane Pratt and James Van Dyk, who took part in the production, are names well known to those interested in amateur theatricals.

"Little Emily," produced Dec. 27, 1888, scored another hit for the Melpomene. It was at this time that Miss Libbie Healy first made her appearance in the Society's ranks, playing the title role. Frank Oliver was the David Copperfield, and William M. Campbell on that night made an impression in the part of Mr. Micawber that is still remembered in amateur circles. James Van Dyk played Steerforth.

The season of 1889-90 was a very encouraging one for the Society. It was George W. McCarthy's first year as chairman of the Dramatic Committee, a position which he still holds. Albert H. Hastings, Sol G. Frost and Fred Suydam were stage managers. The Melpomene Society was practically a stock company for the season. The players were as follows: Leading ladies, Misses Ella Griffith Greene and Lizzie Wallace; soubrettes, Misses Lina W. Reed, Mabel A. Smith, Mamie Howell; old women, Mrs. R. W. Dunkley, Misses Edith Ellwood, Stella Elmore, Mamie Sloat; juveniles, Thomas T. Hayden, Bert Andrus; heavy, James Van Dyk; old men, Harry A. Gardiner, Charles T. Catlin; comedians, Albert Bedford, Ernest Jacobs. Among the plays produced were "The Honeymoon," "The Banker's Daughter," "Old Heads and Young Hearts," "The Galley Slave," "The Danites" and "Two Orphans."

The same season, "A Hero to Order," a comedy written by Mr. Virgil Lopez, a member of the Melpomene, was played with success by the Society.

One of the prime favorites of the organization is Miss Mabel Smith, who made her debut at the performance of "Pinafore," given by the Brooklyn Amateur Opera Association. She was heard by William B. Parsons, the beau of the Society, who engaged her to play Psyche Gay in "The Galley Slave." Since then she has taken, with unvaried success, the parts of Grace Harkaway in "London Assurance," Matilde in "Lei Astray," Kate O'Brien in "Perfection" and Enid Thurston in "Our Regiment," she is a petite, charming, graceful actress.

Adine Shepard, a former member of the Society, is now in Daniel Frohman's Lyceum Theatre Stock Company.

The present season, the eleventh of the Society, has shown a more marked improvement over the seasons previous than any other. The five plays presented so far are: "Almost a Life," "Our Regiment," "Esmeralda," "Pride of the Market," "Young Mrs. Winthrop." The sixth and last of the season, to be given Monday evening, April 25, is Dion Boucicault's three-act drama, "Shaughraun." The cast will be as follows:

Captain Molineux	John T. Brennan
Robert Florillott	Frank J. Higgins
Father Dolan	Charles T. Catlin
Cory Kinchela	Harrie J. Abram
Harvey Duff	Thomas C. Bell
Conn	Dean Pratt
Bergent Jones	John J. Meier
Sullivan	William Wader
Reilly	Harry Hanson
Manigan	Jose L. Pidgeon
Doyle	Jose del Solar
Donovan	Charles Arthur
Arte O'Neal	Fanny Horke
Claire Florillott	Lizzie Wallace
Mrs. O'Kelly	Annie Hyde
Moya	Ida Waller
Bridget Madigan	Mamie Sloat
Nancy Malone	Bianca Rahmer

Deane Pratt, who comes all the way from Utica to take the part of Conn, was a prominent member of the Melpomene years ago. He was also leading comedian of the Kemble Dramatic Association. With him will be his old companion, Thomas C. Bell, who will be Harvey Duff for the evening. John T. Brennan, who portrays Capt. Molineux, is not only considered one of the leading actors of the Society, but he is well known as a tenor singer. Harrie J. Stokum, the Corry Kinchela, is an accomplished elocutionist. Charles T. Catlin, Vice-President of the Society and one of the most enthusiastic amateurs of the city, will be Father Dolan. Miss Lizzie Wallace, the Claire Florillott, is a charming vivacious, clever little brunette. Miss Fannie Horke, the Arte O'Neal, is an untiring student in the dramatic art. Her work is always painstaking and creditable. She is always willing to help a good cause, and has perhaps played in more benefits than any other lady in the city. Mamie Sloat, who is well-liked in the Society, plays Bridget Madigan. Monday evening, April 25, will be a memorable one in amateur theatricals.

The Society will give a musicale at the Criterion Theatre on Saturday, April 23. Among those in the programme are Ella Griffith Greene, soprano, of New York; Catherine H. Parker, contralto; Thomas Bell, elocutionist; Judge Greene, elocutionist; New York University Glee Club; mandolin quartet.

The present officers are James Van Dyk, President; Charles T. Catlin, Vice-President; Jose A. del Solar, Secretary; William W. Butcher, Treasurer; George W. McCarthy, Chairman Dramatic Committee; George A. Dearborn, Chairman Membership Committee; Warren P. Bell, Chairman Reception Committee. The Board of Trustees are Henry C. Seigmann, Chairman; Dr. Salvador Gomez, George R. Brown, A. W. Sproule, C. Hoffman, jr.

YOUNG MRS. BLAINE SAILS AWAY.

Off on La Bretagne for a Six Weeks' Jaunt on the Continent.

A passenger not noticed in the printed saloon list of the French line steamship La Bretagne, which sailed for Havre at 4 o'clock this morning, was Mrs. James G. Blaine, jr., now Miss Marie Nevins, who accompanies her cousin Mr. Charles Macalister and his wife, of Philadelphia, on a six weeks' jaunt on the continent.

Young Mrs. Blaine at first declined the invitation of the Macalisters, but at the final moment last night yielded and her baggage was hurriedly removed to the ship.

She accepted solely, her father, Col. Nevins, said this morning, in the hope that her health might be benefited by the journey. For the present, he added, the matter of the Blaine letters would remain in statu quo. He denied that his daughter had disposed of them for any reasons whatever to the Secretary.

It will be remembered that Mrs. Blaine, jr., threatened to give all the love letters of her husband to the press if the Secretary refused after a certain stated period to publish in full certain letters of hers from which he quoted extracts in his "personal statement" issued in relation to the Dakota divorce proceedings. That was on March 1, and the period of grace expired ten days later. No letters have appeared since from young Mrs. Blaine.

CORRIGAN MAY BE CARDINAL.

Church Dignitaries Believe He Will Be Named at the Next Consistory.

A cable despatch from Rome printed this morning stated that the Pope had definitely refused to bestow the Cardinal's hat on Archbishop Corrigan because of an alleged antagonism between the Archbishop and Cardinal Gibbons.

At Archbishop Corrigan's residence, on Madison avenue, it was said that the despatch was news to Archbishop Corrigan and all the priests connected with the Cathedral, and very little confidence was placed in the report.

Said one of the priests connected with the Cathedral: "It is generally believed that the Archbishop will be made Cardinal at the next consistory, and they have very excellent ground for entertaining such a belief.

"There is nothing in the report of alleged friction between the Archbishop and Cardinal Gibbons. Both gentlemen are on the best of terms, though they may entertain different views on stated subjects, and I predict that before next election day New York will hear of the elevation of the Archbishop."

CHARLES D. SMITH'S SUICIDE.

It Occurred at the Close of a Tour Around the World.

The suicide of Charles D. Smith, of New York, at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, is announced to-day. Mr. Smith was one of the sons of the proprietor of the old Watson House, at Babylon, L. I.

His brother, Augustus C. Smith, is Secretary of the Hygeia Distilled Water Company, of this city. He is a resident of Babylon, where Charles D. Smith also made his home.

The suicide had been travelling around the world. He arrived at San Francisco on the China steamer on March 27. Since his arrival in San Francisco he had been spending money freely, and seemed to be well provided with cash.

Latterly, it is said, his health had been poor and he seemed very much depressed in spirits. He was found by one of the servants yesterday morning lying on the bed in his room at the Palace Hotel with a bullet wound in his left breast. He left nothing to explain the motive for his act.

PARKER'S STRANGE FLITTING.

Boston Creditors Apply for a Warrant for His Arrest.

Application was made to-day at the Adams Street Court, Brooklyn, for a warrant for the arrest of Manfred Parker, who kept a shoe store at 4 Myrtle avenue. The complainant was James Wheeler, New York agent for Clapp & Co., wholesale shoe dealers of Boston.

Wheeler said that Parker, whose store had been stocked by his firm, had not prospered of late, and to-day was to have turned the place over to Wheeler.

When the latter arrived at the Myrtle avenue store this morning he found it closed, and Parker and the entire stock valued at $1,500 missing.

We think we value health; but are all the time making sacrifices, not for it, but of it. We do to-day what we must or like; we do what is good for us—when we have to.

We could live in full health do more work, have more pleasure, amount to more, by being a little careful.

CAREFUL LIVING is the thing to put first; let us send you a book on it; free.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 132 South 5th Avenue, New York.
Your druggist keeps Scott's Emulsion of cod-liver oil—all druggists everywhere do. $1. 43

BROOKLYN NEWS IN BRIEF.

Notable Occurrences in the City of Churches.

Paragraphs That Photograph a Day's History.

Died Suddenly.

Bridget Flanagan, thirty-six, died suddenly this morning at her home, 69 Partition street, Brooklyn.

Albert Waved His Razor.

Albert Leslie, colored, 10 Stryker's court, Brooklyn, was arrested this morning charged by Cora Hopper, of 124 Jay street, with cutting her on the hand with a razor.

Sneaked a Gold Watch

A thief sneaked into Thomas Murray's cabin on Lighter No. 26, at the foot of Java street, Brooklyn, during the night and stole a gold watch valued at $30.

A Boy Breaks His Arm.

Andrew Huber, twelve, of 77 Morgan avenue, Brooklyn, fell from the third-story window of a new building near his home and struck the sidewalk. He received a compound fracture of the arm.

Who Has Seen Bina's Bracelet?

Miss Bina O'Flynn, 90 Bergen street, reported to the Brooklyn police this morning that she had lost a gold bracelet, set with seven diamonds, on Monday evening while attending the ball of the Tenth Ward Young Men's Democratic Club at the Academy of Music. The bracelet is valued at $150.

Divorce Suit in the African Church.

Judge Osborne in the City Court, Brooklyn, this morning, granted a motion compelling William H. Moore, the plaintiff in a suit for absolute divorce, to pay his wife $6 a week alimony and $75 counsel fees pending trial. Moore is an officer in the Bridge Street African Methodist Episcopal Church. He sues for absolute divorce and names several co-respondents.

Treasurer Richardson's Benefit.

The sale of seats for the benefit tendered by Col. Sinn to Treasurer Will C. Richardson and William Shaw, which will be given at the Park Theatre on the evening of May 2, has already been very large. The boxes have been taken by prominent Brooklynites. "Dr. Bill" will be the attraction, and on the evening of the benefit the theatre will be handsomely decorated.

Brooklyn's Proposed New Buildings.

Building Commissioner Piatt, in his report issued to-day, shows that during the past week permits were issued for the erection of sixty-six new buildings in Brooklyn. Of that number thirty-one brick dwellings will cost $281,350, and thirty-five frame houses $100,710. In addition alterations to cost $15,345 were authorized, making a gross total of $382,060 invested.

WILLIAMSBURG GOSSIP.

Clerk Otto Schnapphaus, of the Lee Avenue Court, is placed in a position to see a great deal of Williamsburg's human nature. Some of the stories he tells of visitors to the court are amusing. He understands the duties of a warrant clerk, and uses his knowledge of human nature admirably. Women constantly come to his office in raging tempers, accusing their husbands of two or three different kinds of assaults, and demand arrests at once. The other day a woman came to him, and when he told her that he could not give her a warrant, as her charge against her husband was insufficient, she offered him 50 cents to have her hubby arrested and locked up, and assured him that she would not tell any one of the bribe.

M. J. Hayden, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph and Eastern District Messenger Company's office, 153 Broadway, is a popular man about town. He is one of those few managers, the boys say, who can take charge of his position without asserting authority from early morn until late at night, and yet everything runs in apple-pie order. Mr. Hayden has grown up in the business, and has the benefit of knowing just how to handle his employees so as to obtain discipline and not cause unpleasantness about the office. Mr. Hayden is also a special policeman and has made several daring arrests through police alarms sent in to the Company's office.

Herman O. Meyer, the Children's Society's officer in Williamsburg, is a well-known character about the district. He is always at the Lee Avenue Court during session, waiting to hear of cases of cruelty to children, which are continually being reported there. Meyer is considered the right man in the right place. His position is not altogether an easy one. It is not always a simple matter to take children from their parents, even though the latter are ill-treated.

Sergt. Ridden, of the Sixteenth Precinct Police Station, is a large, fine-looking policeman. One only needs to take a glance at him to be assured that his prisoner must go along. Socially the Sergeant is very popular. He uses few words and believes strongly in muscle.

DOUBLY WEDDED, NOW DIVORCED

Two Marriage Ceremonies Failed to Keep Charles Reed True.

In the City Court, Brooklyn, to-day Judge Osborne signed a decree granting Addie Reed an absolute divorce from her husband, Charles R. Reed.

The couple were married twice. The first ceremony was performed in the Roman Catholic Church of the Assumption in Brooklyn Feb. 14, 1867. They were subsequently married again by Rev. Dr. Rushmore, of the York Street M. E. Church. They never had any children.

The co-respondent in the case was a Fanny Needs, with whom it was alleged the defendant had been living as his wife.

CAUGHT AFTER A CHASE.

Thomas Coyle, Alleged Thief, Leads the Police a Hurdle Race.

Thomas Coyle, laborer, 27, living at 45 Columbia place, Brooklyn, was a prisoner this morning, charged with assault and attempted larceny. He met James Lee, on the corner of Furman and State streets, yesterday afternoon, and, it is alleged, knocked him down.

Roundsman Herbert and Policeman Loughlin, of the Fifteenth Precinct, say they saw Coyle attempt to take a dollar from Lee's pocket. They chased Coyle several blocks.

He ran through an alley and jumped over fences, but his pursuers never lost sight of him. Coyle was finally made a prisoner in a yard back of his house.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

WHEATENA—THE BEST BREAKFAST FOOD; delicious, cooks in one minute. 25 cents, all grocers. Health Food Co., 61 5th ave.

Harry's Triopherous beautifies and invigorates the hair, imparting gloss and silken softness.

SARA