

TOMPROVE THE TOWN

Suggestions That Are Meant to Benefit the City of Brooklyn.

Some of Its Objectionable Features Placed in the Light.

For the Best Suggestion a Gold Double Eagle Will Be Given.

There are many agreeable things about the city of Brooklyn that are mentioned from time to time in the Evening World. There are many disagreeable things, too, which receive mention as they come to the surface in this column. The object of naming them in this column is to bring them to the attention of the city fathers, and to suggest that they be remedied as far as possible.

That Needed Sidewalk. J. E. E. To the Bushwick Avenue Baptist Church: I am a neighbor of your church, with ideas great and small; my first one is, therefore, you know, look better than none.

Small Parks. EGORNE HOKAN, Jr., 688 Flushing Avenue. I think it would be a good thing to have small parks situated in tenement districts, so that out there the children can play upon the grass and other people sit and enjoy themselves under the shade of the trees along the walks.

Nuisance on Reid Avenue. In connection with the many improvements which we need in Brooklyn, permit me to call your attention to a most flagrant nuisance that exists in the neighborhood of Reid Avenue, between Hancock and Jefferson streets.

Mistook It for a Cafe. Sarah Walker, 639 Flushing Avenue, was in a taxi cab on Monday morning, April 25, on an amusing charge. Late last night she went to the station-house of the Nineteenth Precinct and, presenting a can, asked Sgt. Dolan for a pint of beer.

Big Pay for Circus Posters. John Graf, proprietor of a store-car at 100th Street, has just received a large order for posters for the circus. He is a constant struggler.

They Get the Oyster Beds. Brookhaven Trustees Must Account for Rents to the Owners. Justice Cullen, of the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, this morning handed down an opinion in the matter of Coraella F. Smith and others against the Trustees of the Town of Brookhaven.

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WATSON'S NEW POLICE COURT.

Some Pretty Politics Culminated in Its Location.

A New District Formed, with the Court at Grand and Havemeyer Streets.

With the selection of a site in the Eastern District for the police court over which Justice William Watson is to preside, there ends an interesting political intrigue. For several weeks a special committee of the Common Council had under consideration the proper location for two courts, for which judges had already been designated. It was the original intention of that committee to locate Justice Watson in the Twenty-sixth Ward, in his own neighborhood and build-wick, and place Justice Haggerty somewhere midway between the Adams street and Gates avenue courts.

The Committee decided that the best site for the Twenty-sixth Ward was the big building in the Bennett casino building. It was central, commodious, well adapted to the purpose and numerous car lines passed the door. Justice Watson, although a Republican, is the warm personal friend of more than one of the heavy-weights on the other side. He is a lawyer, popular, shrewd, far-sighted and genial. More than once he has made the Democratic leaders in the Twenty-sixth Ward look to their laurels. Once he succeeded in outwitting them and gained a seat in the Board of Supervisors.

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BARRETT VOICE HIS STOCK.

But He Is Enjoyed from Selling It Without Security.

Knock Bookstaver's Decision a Joke-Down to the Hall Party.

The matter of the application made by Anthony Barrett and Frederick Uman for the removal of Charles J. G. Hall and Frederick Martin as inspectors of the annual election of the Brooklyn Elevated Railroad Company, came up before Judge Uman in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, and was adjourned until Monday morning. The election was to have taken place today, but was postponed until next Wednesday.

The motion brought by Charles J. G. Hall to continue the temporary injunction restraining Anthony Barrett from voting upon 24,727 shares of Brooklyn Elevated Railroad stock was denied by Judge Bookstaver, yesterday. Barrett is enjoined from voting upon the stock without suitable indemnities, thus making it subject to suit equities. The matter of the election was adjourned before Judge Bookstaver two weeks ago. Barrett, it was claimed, had secured possession of the stock by fraudulent means. It being hinted that it was to be used in payment for municipal legislation by which the road would be sold to the city.

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UNITED LABOR ON PARADE.

Eight Thousand Men in the May Day Demonstration.

Two Processions Joined in One, Making a Great Success.

The Brooklyn labor organizations are holding their May Day celebration today, and for the first time in years all the unions are united under one banner. They sensibly threw politics to the dogs, and the result was a most impressive demonstration.

The celebration began this morning, with two big parades, which united in Throop avenue into one grand parade. The Central Labor Union, the Central Federation of Labor and the Socialist Labor Party marched under the one banner of freedom.

One division of the united parade started from the Wilbushy street Labor Lyceum at 8 o'clock, marched to Bushwick avenue, to Wall street, to Broadway, to Park avenue, to Throop avenue where it was joined by the other division, which started from Humboldt Hall, Montrose avenue and Humboldt street, and passed through Montrose avenue, Graham avenue, Siegel street, Leonard street, Broadway and Park street.

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GRACIE MAY BE A BAD GIRL.

But It Was Brutal to Burn Her with a Red-Hot Poker.

John and Mary Crawford, the Parents, Are the Alleged Torturers.

John Crawford and Mary Crawford, 313 Oakland street, Brooklyn, were arraigned before Justice Gotting at the Lee Avenue Court this morning, charged with burning little Gracie Crawford with a hot stove-poker on Tuesday of last week.

Crawford said to a reporter that the prosecution was gotten up by his enemies, and there was no truth in the story. He avers that the child, who is only ten years old, has long been in the habit of committing petty thefts and telling falsehoods, and he tried to curb the child's propensity, he has tried in vain to reform her.

On the morning of the day in question, according to Crawford's story, the little girl stole 30 cents from the vest pocket of her big brother and refused to confess. Her stepmother tried to persuade her to give up the money, but she refused to do so. He says she did not burn her, but that her mother tried to frighten the child into a confession. The child refused to confess, and her mother kept her in the house all day.

In the afternoon the child, exasperated by her confinement, tried to run away from home, but she was caught by her mother. She was then taken to the hospital, where she was treated for burns. The child is now recovering, but she is still in the hospital.

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THREE CHAMPAGNE COURTS.

Mrs. Platt Tied Them to a Card and Sent Them to Her Husband.

An Interesting Exhibit in the Famous Platt Divorce Case.

The suit of William H. Platt, who is suing for an absolute divorce from his wife, Minnie La Tourette Platt, came up before Judge Osborne in the Brooklyn city court, this morning, on motion for alimony and counsel fees.

In his suit Platt, who is a retired army engineer, names Martin B. Waller as co-defendant. The suit is for an absolute divorce from his wife, Minnie La Tourette Platt, who is a French girl, and who is now living with her husband in the city of New York.

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS BURNED. DRAYTON SAYS HE IS POOR.

There was a rush of rich and prominent men in the Tax Assessor's office this morning to swear off their personal taxes.

There was a line of swimmers standing from the street for the second story of the building in which the Tax Department is located.

The line this morning was headed by Col. S. V. R. Cruger, who swears that his dues exceed the amount of his personal property and his name was struck off the list.

The Tax Commissioners have no other alternative when a man swears he is poor. A man may be worth millions, and if he declares under oath that his liabilities are greater than his personal assets he cannot be assessed under the law.

Col. Cruger is the manager of the Trinity Corporation property, from which he is said to enjoy a princely income. He also owns a pleasure yacht and is a member of the Union Club.

Jack Coleman Drayton swore that he had no property, and the second story of the building in which the Tax Department is located, look out to the same effect, even his household furniture was owned by his wife.

Immediately after Col. Cruger had sworn off his taxes a warning message was sent to the Tax Assessor's office.

He said he had \$1,000 in bank and no debts, and had accumulated dollar by dollar, and he took occasion to remark that his wife operated a business in the city, and he was a conscientious taxpayer.

The doors were closed promptly at 10 o'clock, but the line of swimmers, and a large number of people, who were still in line, were unable to do any swearing off.

President Barker said he found that lawyers and pawnbrokers, as a rule, swore they had no personal property.

The three buildings were totally destroyed. The loss is about \$15,000. The three houses were insured. The origin of the fire is unknown.

WALYARD THE FACTORY CLERK. He Had Just Drawn \$500 From a Bank When Assaulted.

NEWARK, April 30.—A daring crime which may result in murder was committed in broad daylight this forenoon in this city.

Henry Hedden, shipping clerk, in the employ of Messers Potter, straw manufacturers at 13 Mulberry street, went to the bank on Broad street and drew \$500, which was intended to be used in paying off the employees of the factory.

He carried the money in a small satchel and started for the factory. As he was about to enter the factory he was stopped by a rough-looking man, who struck him a violent blow over the head with a ball-stick, falling him to the ground.

When Hedden was found he was unconscious. He was conveyed to St. Barnabas hospital, at noon he was revived. It was not known whether or not his skull had been fractured.

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