

# PROBLEMS IN BROOKLYN PLAYHOUSES.

## NO USE FOR NEW UTRECHT.

### Richard Mansfield in "The Scarlet Letter" at the Park.

### John Drew in "The Masked Ball" -Other Attractions.

Mr. Richard Mansfield and his company presented "The Scarlet Letter" at the Park Theatre, in Brooklyn, for the first time last night. It was witnessed by a large audience which warmly applauded the excellent acting of Mr. Mansfield and Miss Cameron. There are those among Mr. Mansfield's admirers who think his work in "The Scarlet Letter" is his best to date. He is in the play, but as Arthur Dimmesdale he adds to his reputation as a dramatic actor. The piece does not call for much scenic display. The supporting company is only fair. "The Scarlet Letter" will be continued throughout the week.

### COLUMBIA THEATRE.

A large and fashionable audience extended a rousing welcome to the Columbia Theatre, last night. The Columbia Theatre, where he made his first appearance as a star in Brooklyn, presented "The Masked Ball" as a comedy. The Masked Ball was the play presented. Mr. Drew in the character of Dr. Blomstedt succeeded in convincing the audience so thoroughly that the audience was kept laughing almost all the evening. Among those who rendered good support were Miss Maud Adams, Harry Harwood, Harold Russell and Miss Virginia Buchanan.

### GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

"Mavourneen" was presented last night at the Grand Opera House, with Chauncey O'Leary as Terence O'Dwyer. Mr. O'Leary sang well and was liberally applauded. Several William Scanlan's old songs, "Plain Molly O' Mavourneen" and "The Little Christmas Tree," were repeated several times in response to frequent encores. In the supporting company were Florence Foster, Ethel Winthrop, Edna Kirkman, Little Dot Cleland and Kenneth Barnes.

### BEDFORD AVENUE THEATRE.

Jeffrey Lewis was seen to good advantage at the Bedford Avenue Theatre last night in the character of Geraldine in "La Belle Ruse." The supporting company was good, with a single exception which somewhat marred the evenness of the production. The setting was all that could be desired. "La Belle Ruse" is presented Wednesday afternoon. To-night Sardou's "Clochilde" will be presented.

### THE AMERICAN.

After a successful week at the Columbia, Thomas G. Sealrook moved over to the American Theatre last night and opened at 8 o'clock with "Champagne," which was presented in the same manner as at Manager Knowlton's theatre. The opera contains some catchy music and the ballets are effective.

### GAYETY THEATRE.

"The Night Owls" appeared at the Gayety Theatre last night. The company, which numbers over two score of persons, mainly women, presented "Satan's Children" and other sketches. A number of vaudeville acts were introduced.

### THE CASINO.

"Alma, the human fly" was the leading attraction at the Casino Theatre last night. The Empire City Quartet, Barron and Mellich, vocalists; Will Dennis, comedian; and the Gipsy Trio, in songs and dances; Thomas H. Nolan, comic vocalist; and Miss Minnie Schult, with some new songs, also appeared.

### GLEASON'S FRIEND ARRESTED.

Ernest Kraussman of the Police Board in Court To-Day.

LONG ISLAND CITY, Feb. 22.—Andrew J. Kraussman, who was President of Mayor Gleason's Police Board, was arrested today after Justice Noble in this city on complaint of City Treasurer Beckwith, who accused Kraussman of appropriating his own use \$14,000 of Police funds which the City Treasurer claimed should have been turned over to him.

Kraussman told the court that he had \$200 of Police funds in his pocket which he had been ready whenever called upon to turn over his money. He accordingly gave the money to Justice Noble. The case was adjourned until Thursday.

Kraussman said that his arrest was merely the result of a misunderstanding. He said that he had returned to the City Treasurer Beckwith, who was one of his bitter political opponents.

### ENGINE JUMPS THE TRACK.

A Boy Stealing a Ride Has a Foot Masbed.

Engine No. 73 on the Harlem Railway, jumped the track this morning at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and the Harlem River. The engineer and fireman leaped off in time to escape injury.

James Quill, seventeen years old, who lived at One Hundred and Thirtieth street and Twelfth avenue, and who was stealing a ride on the engine, had his left foot badly smashed when it was taken home. No other damage was done.

### Conductor and Doctor in One.

The young American who was born on the Keystone express of the Pennsylvania Railroad yesterday, is well and happy today. His mother is Mrs. Stapleton wife of a wealthy resident of Brooklyn, who was returning from St. Louis. Conductor Wilson, who will shortly graduate from a New York medical college, attended the child.

### Events Ahead in Brooklyn.

Concert by the Zeldi Society, Acacia of Music, Thursday evening.

The Brooklyn Choral Society will appear at the Academy of Music in a concert during which it will sing "The Mass" by Verdi, and 400 voices will sing by chorus of 400 voices at 8 o'clock.

### REDUCED DUTY ON LIQUORS.

Recommended in the Report of the Whiskey Trust Investigators.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The House Judiciary Committee today adopted the report of the Sub-Committee which investigated the Whiskey Trust.

The report recommends that the duty on imported brandy be reduced from 22 to 11 per gallon, and that the tariff on duty be reduced whenever it is found that the duty is influenced by a trust or combination.

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### \$6,000,000 ON THE OUTCOME.

Croton Aqueduct Contract Appeal Heard at Albany To-Day.

ALBANY, Feb. 22.—The entire time of the Court of Appeals was taken up today with the case of John O'Brien and Herman Clark, plaintiffs and appellants, versus the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of New York City, defendants and respondents.

This is the well-known action growing out of claims for work done on the new Croton Aqueduct, New York City, by the plaintiffs, as contractors.

The amount involved in this action is \$6,000,000 for work on Section 8 of the aqueduct, but upon the determination of the questions to be decided in this case rests the disposal of about \$6,000,000.

### It is Monotonous

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### Bird's Custard Powder

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No Eggs Required.

# ERIC LOWER THAN FOR YEARS.

## President King Declares the Company Is All Right.

### But the Bears Insist a Receiver Must Be Asked For.

Wall street was not a little disturbed again this morning by the sensational rumors put afloat in regard to the financial condition of various properties dealt in at the Stock Exchange.

Notwithstanding the denial of Vice-President Thomas and other officials of the Erie, the bears still insist that the floating debt has become so cumbersome that a receiver will have to be asked for.

It is only proper to say that the bears are proceeding on the theory that desperate ends require desperate means and that, if they can only succeed in shaking confidence, they will soon be able to reap heavy profits on their short sales. President King says:

"The report that we called over to London asking how ready and how much bonds would be entertained, and that it was considered ill-advised, hasn't a grain of truth in it. We have no need to issue bonds, and we shouldn't take an occasion like the present if we did."

"The Erie is not in a position to pay the payment of coupons due on March 1 may present them today, and we will pay them in full as soon as they are due, as well as be disposed of a day earlier. As for the floating debt, we can handle that as fast as it matures. It is not large and does not trouble us."

"Those who speak of the so-called 'large' floating debt forget to credit us with owning more than \$2,000,000 Chicago & Erie bonds, the market value of which is over \$2,000,000."

The statement of the Erie for the month of January shows an increase in earnings of \$432, as compared with last year. This is the best report issued for some time.

The Finance Committee of the Lehigh Valley Board and the Reading receivers considered yesterday regarding the so-called Erie mortgage bonds, which are held by 7 per cent, but the result was not announced. The interest on the Lehigh second mortgage bonds of \$20,000 will be paid by the Company.

The market for stocks opened tame. Erie, in response to lower cables from London, declined 1/4, to 29 3/8, the lowest price in 3 years. The bonds were also weak. Consolidated 2 1/4 dropping 1/4 to 99 3/4.

Whiskey was noticeably heavy, declining 3/8 to 1 1/2. Oil fell 1/2, to 12 1/2. National 1 1/4, to 1 1/4. 20 1/2, and other stocks yielded 1/4 to 3/4 per cent. Later the shorts attempted to cover and the market recovered.

The Third Avenue Railroad today presented a petition to the Board of Aldermen for permission to build nine miles of 1 1/2 inch rails along the following streets:

From St. Nicholas avenue and one hundred and twenty-fifth street to Manhattan avenue; south on Manhattan avenue to one hundred and tenth street; west on one hundred and tenth street to Riverdale drive; north from the junction of St. Nicholas avenue and one hundred and twenty-fifth street through St. Nicholas avenue to Kingsbridge road; over that road and the bridge of the Hudson ship canal and spuyten Duyck creek, to the city line.

An company proposes to carry passengers from the Post-Office to its northern terminus for one fare.

The rate was not mentioned, but Alderman Murphy, who presented the petition, said it would be five cents.

Ex-Judge Robinson, who has a power except indemnities may be used. The petition was made a special order for Tuesday, March 2, at 1 o'clock.

The route along Kingsbridge road is the same as the Elevated Railroad route, and the petition is to build there is nothing in the petition to prevent the use of the omnibus trolley on the Kingsbridge road.

Manufacturers have the final say about the motive power.

The Third Avenue Railroad notified the Board that it would accept the conditions upon which the Board granted the franchise for the extension of the Huckleberry road in the Amsterdam District.

A resolution authorizing the Police Commissioners to purchase supplies and materials for the special election, in the Ninth Senatorial District, March 21, without advertising for contracts, was passed by the Board.

Alderman S. W. Smith introduced an amendment in connection with the vehicles on Broadway below Fourteenth street to keep to the right of the road in the city line.

Teams are prohibited from backing against the sidewalk. Trucks must be unloaded sideways, and no building material can be deposited on the restricted portion of Broadway.

The Board decided to omit next week's meeting. Most of the members will attend President Cleveland's inauguration.

An amended petition of the East River Bridge Company for permission to construct approaches to its proposed bridge was presented in connection with the bridge the Company wants to run an "L" road from the North to the East River.

The petition was laid over for two weeks, on motion of Alderman Brown, who suggested that the petition be printed in the Evening World, Sporting Extra.

### "SULLIVAN A BACK NUMBER."

Champion Corbett Says John L. Is Beneath His Notice.

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 22.—Champion Corbett was made acquainted today with the contents of the despatches from St. Louis in which Sullivan and Corbett, in a jocular and popular way, were talking about each other and that Mitchell will win the coming fight.

"I don't care what Sullivan said about me, and I have nothing to say about him, except that I defeated him fairly and squarely, and I thought at the time that he was going to accept the outcome like a true sportsman, but he has turned out differently, and he is beneath my notice."

"He is a back number, and that will do for him."

"My match with Mitchell is an assured go, and if any one thinks I shall have a walk-over just tell them they are liable to be off in their reckoning."

He extolled his own strength, and said that Sullivan did not know Corbett is clever and full of science; he is a hard hitter, and some people say he is a hard man to, but for all that I believe that I can beat him. There is no doubt about it; he wants to fight. His money is up, papers and agreements are completed, and I don't think he is ever afraid or wants to back out. If he does not fight, he will be booted out of every square inch in the country.

"My money is still up for a match with Mitchell, and I am going to fight. I want to know it as soon as possible, so I may make my theatrical arrangements accordingly."

### Weather Forecast.

Local forecast for this week: heavy ending at 4 P. M. Wednesday; rain, with fog; clearing today; clearing and colder on Wednesday; northeast winds, becoming brisk to high northwesterly on Wednesday.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature during the morning, as indicated by Dewey's thermometer: 3 A. M., 26 1/2; 6 A. M., 26 1/2; 9 A. M., 29 1/2; 12 M., 31.

# Stern Bros.

## will place on sale Wednesday, March 1st, a large purchase of

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5 to 10 inches wide at 49c & 58c yd

9 to 12 inches wide 65c & 72c yd

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### AGAIN A TROLLEY SCHEME.

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### Franchise Requested for Kingsbridge Road and Other Thoroughfares.

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### JAPANESE RUGS.

20x54 in. at \$1.80

30x60 in. " 1.90

30x72 in. " 2.75

6x9 ft. " 8.00

7 1/2 x 10 ft. " 13.50

9x12 ft. " 16.50

### 18th St., 19th St. & 6th Ave.

### TEACHING ISLAM IN GOTHAM.

### Muhammed Webb, the New Apostle, Delivers a Lecture.

### What He Thinks of Polygamy and the Moslem Women.

Muhammed Alexander Russell Webb, the new apostle of Mahometanism, has begun his missionary work in this city in dead earnest, and followers are flocking to his standard. It looks as though Gotham would soon have a flourishing colony of Moslems within its borders.

In his lecture last evening in the residence of Col. David B. Slicker, in Harlem, Muhammed Webb discussed some of the salient features of Islamism as contrasted with Christianity, and the conclusions which he drew were decidedly in favor of the former.

Another good point about Mahometanism was the followers of Mahomet, he said it was of a very different kind from that of the Moslems, who could simply marry as many wives as they chose, which was disgusting to modern civilization.

According to the laws laid down by the Prophet, a Moslem might marry one, two, three or four wives, according to his circumstances. Muhammed Webb, however, does not expect to introduce even this latter form of polygamy in this country.

He declares that the condition of women in Moslem countries is better as a general rule than that in Christian Europe and America, and says that they are shocked and scandalized by the conditions of the Moslem women in the Western World, where women are given as much freedom as men.

Another good point about Mahometanism was that the true followers of the Prophet never used intoxicating liquors, and that the Moslems of Europe and America, and did not observe this custom, and it was the same way with their prophet. He said that Moslems were paying all the time, and every time he prayed he made his petitions, so that the virtue of cleanliness went hand in hand with prayer. Others did not pray at all, and his class had as great a horror of water as the ordinary Westerner.

What Muhammed Webb wants to do is to arouse interest among Americans in the study of the Koran. If they will only read it carefully, he thinks they will find out that the Moslems of the religion of Islam, it is the same as the Christian religion, stripped of what he calls its errors. "The Moslem conception, the vicarious atonement and the Trinity." The system of moral instruction was just the same.

"There is an esoteric side," he says, "to Mahometanism for the educated and the enlightened. It is a system of life for the ignorant masses, which is just as true of Christianity. It is the same as Islam in that which I wish to invite attention."

Muhammed Webb proposes to start first in and publish a paper and bring out a book about Mahometanism, and to organize circles for the study of the Koran and the religion of Islam in all the large cities of the United States.

He has already formed the nucleus of a circle in New York, and from here he will branch out in all directions.

### Helped by a Woman.

William W. Gould, a large well-dressed man with gray hair who gave his age as fifty-eight, and he lived at 1700 New York avenue, Washington, D. C., was complainant in the Jefferson Market Police court this morning, against a colored woman named Lizzie Williams, aged twenty-five, who had been charged with stealing a watch and chain from a doorman and took his \$200 diamond-studded gold watch and chain. The latter was recovered. She was held for trial in \$1,000 bail.

### Prattly Beat His Mother.

In Jefferson Market Court today, William McSherry, of 9 Westchester street, was held for trial on the charge of brutally beating his aged mother, with whom he lives.

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