HELD UP BY A MASKED THIEF.

Mrs. Sonnenstrahl Looked Into a Robber's Pistol.

Sensational Story Under Investigation by Brooklyn Police.

The Brooklyn police are investigating the story told by Mrs. Henry Sonnenstrahl, the wife of a wholesale grocer doing business at 60 Washington avenue. She says that she was "held up" at the point of a revolver by a masked robber, who demanded the cash in the safe in her husband's store.

Mrs. Sonnenstrahl was alone in the store last evening, all the employees having finished their work and gone home. Her husband had gone to get his supper. She was making up the books, and sat at a desk about ten feet from the front door. She says she looked at the clock at 6.30. A few minutes later her attention was attracted to the front of the store by hearing the door open, and she saw a man walking quietly inside.

Mrs. Sonnenstrahl saw that his face was completely hidden by a long, black mask, made of cloth. His hands were covered with black gloves.

Before she could ask what he wanted or make an outcry, the robber, according to her story, rushed upon her and, thrusting a revolver in her face, said he would kill her if she did not open the safe.

The safe stood in the rear of the store. She told the thief that it was unlocked. He then left her at the desk and walked back where the safe stood. Mrs. Sonnenstrahl saw her chance to escape, and she ran out into the street. It had only gone a few steps from the door when she fainted. The thief recovered that she had left the store, and he fled.

The woman thinks she must have been on the sidewalk for some minutes, but as soon as she recovered she returned to the store, and, after locking up the books, she went home.

For some reason, not explained, the police were not notified of the alleged occurrence until after 10 o'clock last night, when the woman's husband called at the Clermont avenue station and repeated her story.

Detectives Burns and Fitzpatrick were detailed to make an investigation. They called at Mrs. Sonnenstrahl's home, 162 Ryerson street, but were not permitted to see her.

Mrs. Sonnenstrahl declares that the safe was really locked at the time the robber came in, and that he stole nothing. She describes her visitor as about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches in height; weight, 160 pounds, and says he wore a dark double-breasted coat.

The police are inclined to doubt her story. Capt. Hardy said to-day that nobody in Edward Wheelan's saloon, two doors away, heard any disturbance in the grocery last evening, and he also said he was sure that Roundsman Eason and policemen of his command were loafing at the corner of Washington and Flushing avenues, 200 feet away, at the time, and saw nobody rush out of the store and along the street.

LOOKING FOR WALTER A. RANKIN.

He Disappeared from Williamsburg Last Saturday.

The police of the Fifth Precinct, Williamsburg, are looking for Walter A. Rankin, of the Fourteenth Ward, whose friends are anxious to ascertain his whereabouts.

Rankin is an Englishman, and was employed as assistant superintendent by a tin company, and it was married to Rose Coverdell on Jan. 8 by Justice Murphy. The man disappeared last Saturday and is thought to have returned to England.

Says His Friend Did Not Shoot Him.

In the Butler Street Court, Brooklyn, today, Frank Mandreno, of 13 Hamilton avenue, was discharged from custody. He had been arrested on the charge of shooting Frank Eden, of the same address, in the neck during a quarrel, but the latter exonerated him. Eden is in Long Island College Hospital and refuses to tell just how he was shot.

Searching for an Unknown's Body.

The crew of the Brooklyn police boat Judge Moore are searching for the body of an unknown man who fell overboard at midnight while coaling ashore from the ship Avon, lying in Erie Basin. Up to noon to-day his body had not been recovered.

Passed Counterfeit $5 Bill.

Frank J. Joliner, twenty-five years old, of 100 Hamburg avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested this morning on complaint of William A. Conklin, teller of the Hamilton Bank, who accuses him of passing a counterfeit $5 bill upon Edward B. Dexter, a dry-goods dealer, of 266 Columbia street, after he (Conklin) had told the prisoner the bill was bad.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.

Sun rises.. 6.09 | Sun sets.. 6.08 | Moon rises 5.44

HIGH WATER TO-DAY.

	A.M.	P.M.
Sandy Hook	6.04	6.30
Governor's Island	6.22	6.50
Hell Gate	8.15	8.43

LOW WATER TO-DAY.

Sandy Hook	11.55	12.18
Governor's Island	12.19	12.52
Hell Gate	1.47	2.20

To find Eastern Standard Time subtract four minutes.

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Lahn, Capt. Helmers, from Bremen March 7, Southampton 8th, with merchandise and 55 first, 125 second and 422 steerage passenger, to Oelrichs & Co., arrived at the bar at 2 A. M.

Steamer Thyriland, Capt. Mills, from Antwerp March 4 with merchandise and 19 first, 144 second and 380 steerage passengers, to International Navigation Company, arrived at the bar at 5.30 A. M.

Steamer Spaarndam, Capt. Bonjer, from Rotterdam March 4, and Boulogne March 5, with merchandise and 172 cabin and 500 steerage passengers, to Holland-American line, Edye & Co.

Steamer Hippolyte Dumois, Capt. Turnbull, from Dabara, five days, with fruit to H. Dumois & Co., arrived at bar at midnight.

OUTGOING STEAMERS.

SAILED TO-DAY.

Russia, Hamburg.
Gallia, Glasgow.
Niagara, Laguayra.
Bermuda, Bermuda.
Jamaica, Kingston.
Cienfuegos, Nassau.
Athos, Kingston.

TO SAIL TO-MORROW.

	Hours sail.	Vessels sail.
City of Birmingham, Savannah	—	3.00 P M
Grande, Brunswick	—	3.00 P M
Massachusetts, Charleston	—	3.00 P M

INCOMING STEAMERS.

DUE TO-DAY.

Olinda, Lisbon Feb. 22.
Ludgate Hill, London Feb. 27.
Wiehauken, London Feb. 27.

DUE TO-MORROW.

Dresden, Bremen March 5.

FOREIGN PORTS.

(BY CABLE.)

ARRIVED.

LONDON, March 16.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II., Capt. Stormer, from New York March 4, arrived at Genoa at 9 A. M. this day.

SAILED.

The Red Star line steamer Nederland, Capt. Bouman, sailed from Antwerp for New York at 12 and passed Flushing at 4 P. M. same day.

SIGHTED.

The Hamburg-American line steamer Moravia, Capt. Winckler, from New York March 4 for Hamburg, passed the Lizard at 5.30 A. M. March 16.

Weather Forecast.

Local forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Friday: Fair, stationary temperature; high northwesterly winds, moderating on Friday and becoming warmer Friday night.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature during the morning, as indicated by Perry's Thermometer:

3 A. M.	19	6 A. M.	19
9 A. M.	22	12 M.	25

SHERRY HIDES FROM SOROSIS.

The Caterer Now Hears Instead of Seeing Inquirers.

All Caused by a Menu Calling for Bass's Cheeks.

Sherry, the Murray Hill caterer, is out of town, and although he is not expected back until next Wednesday, he is conducting his business personally, as usual.

Customers who call at his Louis XIV. salesroom and ask to see him personally are, after careful and cautious cross-questioning, asked to step to the telephone to hear him.

Mr. Sherry is somewhere in Jersey. The cause of his exile is Sorosis.

There are between 150 and 200 progressive women in that honorable and highly respectable organization, and if they could only get their hands on the cosmopolitan caterer, he wouldn't be able to tell whether he was an omelet souffle or material for a live salad.

When Sorosis left Delmonico's, Sherry was glad of heart. He made a special rate, agreed to serve Venetian candelabra with butter-cup shades at every lunch, and allowed the ladies the freedom of the ball-room, and the pink, gold and terra-cotta tea-parlors for committee meetings.

As an evidence of gratitude he was provided with a two-year prospectus, and booked the Club dates that much in advance of the social calendar.

Among other special days there was "March 20, 1893," with an asterisk after it. The star meant cards for gentlemen, dinner and distinguished guests. It marked also the twenty-third anniversary of the Club.

Mr. Sherry had been impressed with the importance of all this long ago. Last week a couple of clubmen called at the house and booked March 20 for a stag dinner. Covers were ordered for forty, with a tune or two and plenty of wine.

Among other things, the menu called for was a course of cresses and bass's cheek. Mr. Sherry would have chuckled at cods' tongues on mushrooms, but cheeks of striped bass meant trouble as well as expense. In the haste and worry of placing the order he forgot everything else.

Monday afternoon President Jennie M. Lozier and a couple of "custodians" called at the office. They wanted permission to look over the tea-room and locate picturesque angles for the reception of vases of roses and peacocks' feathers.

They did not notice the subtle something that shot through the caterer and left his complexion as fair as a cut of angel's food.

He pushed a button, the maitre appeared, and the ladies were conducted to the elevator. An hour later, when they descended by the white balcony, Mr. Sherry was not to be found. He had gone out, the girl at the order-desk said, and left word that he would not be back.

The next day another delegation from the Reception Committee called, and then the crash came.

"Mr. Sherry has gone out of town, and he said to tell Mrs. Lozier that he would not be back before the 21st."

That was all right, but when it was learned that the "date of the Club dinner" had been given to another party by mistake, there was music in the air.

Nobody in the house remembers exactly what was said, but Sorosis will dine at the Savoy, and Mr. Sherry will continue to attend to customers by telephone until it is over.

IN THE OPERA BOUFFE CITY.

Red-Hot Fight for Gleasonville's Postmastership.

LONG ISLAND CITY, March 16.—This city has already the prospects of a real Kilkenny fight for the succession to the postmastership now held by William Richenstein, the Republican, who brought upon himself the curses of both Gleason and Sanford factions, by withholding mail addressed "Mayor," while the incumbency of that office, for nearly a month, was hanging in the balance.

The candidates now in the field are ex-Assemblyman Henry C. Korfman, Sandforde; James E. Marston, Gleasonite, and James A. McKenna, who may have a preference for one of the rival leaders, but wisely refrains from saying so.

Beside these Real Estate Agent George E. Payne, an Anti-Snapper, and druggist George E. Staeth, of the Municipal League, are announced as candidates.

Mr. McKenna was postmaster during President Cleveland's previous administration, and is depending on that good record made then, as well as the rivalry between the other candidates to land him safely again. Mr. Marston is counting on his reputation as Mayor Gleason's private secretary to catch the favor of the President.

Mr. Korfman stands on his record as a Sanforde as well as the indorsement of Gleason's arch enemy, the Jefferson Club, which has declared in favor of him by one majority.

In order to show how solid he is with the community, each candidate is circulating petitions for his own appointment. Every political leader and nearly every man in Long Island City claims to be a leader of some kind—has volunteered to act as a canvasser, and has taken a station at some convenient street corner to get the names of citizens as they pass by. Many have signed all three petitions, and it is said that some have signed three or four or half a dozen times for the same man. Ex-Mayor Gleason, who hopes to be State Senator Gleason after the next election is taking an active hand in the contest and it is said to be no unusual thing to hear him hail an acquaintance thus:

"Here, me hearty, come sign for Marston."

Mayor Sanford is equally persistent, although he doesn't canvass in such a public way.

Summing Up a Celebrated Case.

STAPLETON, S. I., March 16.—The summing up in the celebrated Van Ranterg will contest, which has occupied the attention of the court for over a year, took place this morning before Surrogate S. D. Stephens. Ex-Surrogate Daniel G. Rollins, of New York, appeared for the contestant and Sidney F. Hawkes for Dr. S. A. Robinson, the sole executor.

State Mining Inspector Confirmed.

ALBANY, March 16.—In the Senate to-day Robert R. Rogers, of Plattsburg, nominated yesterday to be Mine Inspector, was confirmed. Mr. Rogers is a friend of Smith M. Weed.

Events Ahead in Brooklyn.

Percival Chubb will begin a course of nine Saturday morning lectures on "Studies of Tennyson" at Association Hall, 502 Fulton street, March 25, at 10.30 A. M.

Fair for the benefit of the Brooklyn Teachers' Association will open at the Academy of Music April 10.

Concert by 150 members of the Brooklyn Choral Society, under the direction of C. Mortimer Wiske, Williams Avenue M. E. Church, this evening.

No Eggs Required

to make soft, baked or cup custard, vanilla flavored, if you use the well known English preparation,

Bird's Custard Powder

which has been used in England for over fifty years. A 4 pint package costs only 23 cents.

Your Grocer keeps it.

HIGH LICENSE IN BROOKLYN.

A Lively Conference Over It in the Mayor's Office.

Brewer Scharmann Said the Moralists Made Him Tired.

There was a lively conference in the office of Mayor Boody in Brooklyn, this morning, with regard to the proposal to increase the city's revenue by charging liquor dealers more for their licenses.

The movement has been started by the Brooklyn Democratic Club, and in answer to the Mayor's call for a conference to-day about twenty-five prominent citizens responded, including the following:

A. E. Orr, Gen. C. Christensen, D. R. James, R. T. Frothingham, Geo. F. Peabody, A. T. White, Geo. B. Moffat, Charles W. Ide, Jackson Wallace, J. G. Jenkins, Marshall S. Driggs, James McMahon and H. B. Scharmann.

In speaking in favor of increasing license fees Mr. White used the argument that saloons by selling liquor make men drunk, that it requires policemen, prisons and police justices to take care of and punish intoxicated persons, and that therefore saloon-keepers should pay more tax in order to bear the expense they are responsible for creating.

Mr. Scharmann, who is a brewer, said an argument of that kind made him feel tired. He referred sarcastically to moralists, and claimed that liquor dealers are now paying as much as fairness demands.

His reference to moralists and their arguments making him feel tired created considerable amusement and, it was apparent, just a little ripple of feeling.

Mr. Orr made a long argument in favor of increasing fees, and said that such action would undoubtedly decrease the number of saloons, a result, he said, which all good people in Brooklyn would welcome.

The consensus of opinion of those favoring an increase seemed to be that licenses for the sale of all kinds of liquors should be $250, and for beer exclusively, $50.

Mayor Boody announced that he would consult with the Excise Commissioners before giving an opinion or stating what he would do.

BOGUS WALKING DELEGATE.

Charge of Swindling Preferred Against Thomas Thompson.

William Archer, of the building firm of Dawson & Archer, 315 Madison avenue, appeared in the Tombs Court as complainant against Thomas Thompson, forty-four years old, an advertising agent.

Dawson and Archer are contractors on the new Criminal Court Building, and Thompson, it was claimed, represented himself as a member of the Board of Walking Delegates, and solicited a subscription to defray the Delegates expenses at a convention in January last. Jan. 30 Mr. Archer gave the man a check for $50, but shortly afterwards discovered that he had been swindled.

Since then the Board of Delegates has been looking for Thompson. He was caught last night and detained as a suspicious person and discharged at Essex Market this morning.

Just as he was going out of court Officer Dixon, of the Tombs squad, rearrested him and brought him to the Tombs.

Justice Ryan held him in $1,000 for examination this afternoon.

QUARANTINE OFFICERS CONFER.

To Secure Uniform Regulations at All Guarded Points.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—A conference of Maritime Quarantine officers and officers of the Marine Hospital service convened at noon to-day at the office of Supervising Surgeon-General Wyman, of the Marine Hospital Service. The object is to secure the co-operation of the State and local maritime quarantine officers in the adoption of a set of uniform regulations.

Those present from outside the city were Dr. Samuel H. Durgin, Port Physician of Boston; Dr. Frank W. Wright, Health Officer of New Haven, Conn.; Dr. A. Clark Hunt, representing the State Board of Health of New Jersey; Dr. Benjamin Lee, Secretary of the State Board of Health of Pennsylvania; Moses Veale, Health Officer at Philadelphia; Dr. James McShane, Commissioner of Health at Baltimore; Dr. William A. Thom, Quarantine Officer at Norfolk, Va.; Dr. H. P. Horlbeck, Health Officer at Charleston, S. C.; Dr. W. H. Brunner, Health Officer at Savannah, Ga.; Dr. R. D. Clipham, President Board of Health of Louisiana, and Dr. R. M. Swearingen, State Health Officer of Texas.

Dr. Jenkins, Quarantine Officer at New York, telegraphed that he had been detained by reason of a visit to Albany, but would be here to-day.

THE FEMALE DOCTORS HELD.

Sarah Chase and Frederica Diemer to Answer for Manslaughter.

Drs. Sarah B. Chase and Frederica Diemer, who are under indictment for manslaughter in the first degree in connection with the death by malpractice of Margaret Manzoni, pleaded "not guilty" before Judge Fitzgerald to-day in the Court of General Sessions.

Counsel for the prisoners asked that bail be fixed at a reasonable amount. Assistant District-Attorney Davis said that the bail should not be less than $10,000.

The Judge reserved his decision, but promised to give it during the day.

Florence F. Donovan, who is indicted as an accessory in the same case and who is out on $10,000 bail, was given a further extension of five days to either plead or demur.

REV. MR. DREW HELD FOR TRIAL.

To Answer a Charge of Forgery Made by Dodd, Meade & Co.

Rev. William P. Drew, the minister who was arrested on a charge of forgery while in the employ of Dodd, Meade & Co., was arraigned this morning before Justice Voorhis at Jefferson Market Court.

Lawyer Perkins appeared for the accused. He waived examination and Drew was held for the Grand Jury in $2,000.

Mr. Drew was very composed throughout the proceedings, until his wife said pointedly: "I have tried to secure bail for you, but have failed so far."

"I know you have worried about me," he answered, placing his arm lovingly about her shoulder; "but never mind, dear, it will all be right in the end."

Mrs. Drew said that a cousin would probably deposit cash with the City Chamberlain in lieu of bail.

BROKER JAMES ALLEN'S ARREST.

Taken to Yonkers to Be Tried on a Charge of Abandonment.

YONKERS, March 16.—Sensational developments are expected on Tuesday next when Broker James Allen is tried before Justice Donohue on a charge of abandonment by his wife.

Broker Allen has been boarding at 224 West Forty-fourth street, New York. He was arrested yesterday in New York, and when brought to Yonkers he simply gave bail for his appearance on Tuesday.

Mrs. Allen says she has been watching the movements of her husband since he left her last Summer and that she will have an interesting story to tell when she is called upon to testify. The couple are well-known society people.

Officials Accused of Conspiracy.

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., March 16.—The Republican Club, composed of prominent citizens of this village, last night passed resolutions accusing the authorities of conspiracy and gross neglect of duty in allowing William J. Sexton to leave the county when charges of arson were pending against him. Sexton is said to be on Staten Island.

WANTED FOR A $10,000 HAUL.

Robert Leitch Was the Mysterious Headquarters' Prisoner.

Arraigned in the Tombs Charged with a Philadelphia Burglary.

The identity of the mysterious prisoner who was held at Police Headquarters last night was disclosed this morning in the Tombs Police Court when Robert Leitch was arraigned by Central Office detectives.

Leitch is wanted in Philadelphia for the most successful and daring burglary that has been perpetrated in that city in recent times. A haul of $10,000 was the thief's reward, and the people who suffered were Joseph Lee & Co., silk merchants, at 15 South Second street.

The robbery occurred on the night of Dec. 19 last, and had evidently been planned weeks before. Two days previous a man walked into the wholesale coffee store of Middleton & Co., which is separated from Lee & Co.'s place by a vacant building, and made inquiry as to the rent of the next door property, how far back it extended, and its position relative to the next property. A clerk gave him the information desired and the man departed.

On Dec. 20 it became known that an entrance had been forced into the vacant dwelling, thence through the rear into Lee's store, where valuable silks had been taken, the safe broken and $8,000 worth of negotiable bonds stolen. The police were notified and an ineffectual hunt ensued.

Several days afterwards a gang of four notorious New York thieves were arrested in Philadelphia, all of whom, with the exception of "Dutch Fred" Bennett, who turned informer, afterwards got two years in prison for their misdeeds.

One of them was "Bill" Monroe, alias "The Wreck," whose description tallied with that of the man who made the inquiries at Middleton's. An effort was made to fasten the crime on him, but the witnesses failed to identify him, and he, like the rest, was sentenced on the lesser charge of picking pockets.

Leitch is not unknown in Philadelphia, but he was not connected with the robbery until recently, when suspicion pointed in his direction. It was thought that he had gone to New York, and Inspector Williams was asked to pick him up, which was done yesterday.

When Leitch was arrested he gave his business as a real estate dealer at 158 Adams street, Brooklyn. He had $12,000 worth of bonds on his person, and two deeds of Odd Fellows cemetery lots.

The police say he is a medium for disposing of stolen bonds, &c., and is an associate of well-known crooks.

Fifteen or sixteen years ago a millionaire named George Lewis died in Jersey City intestate, and it is said that Leitch and some other men got a woman named Kavanagh from some place up the Hudson to swear that she was the millionaire's wife.

After a long trial the fraud was discovered and Leitch was arrested and put into Ludlow Street Jail for forging some document, but was subsequently discharged for lack of evidence.

He served nine months in Moyamensing Prison, in Philadelphia, for running a bogus and fraudulent employment bureau. Since then he has managed to evade arrest, but he has been under suspicion all the time.

Judge Ryan held the prisoner to await the arrival of extradition papers from Philadelphia.

MANHATTAN MUST PAY $15,000.

James Donivan Beats the "L" a Second Time.

A jury in the Court of Common Pleas before Judge Bookstaver to-day, awarded James Donivan a verdict of $15,000 damages against the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company for injuries received by him over a year ago.

This was the second trial of the case. Upon the first trial a verdict of $16,000 damages was given to Donivan, but on an appeal by the Company a new trial was ordered.

Donivan was working in West Ninety-first street at the time of the occurrence, as a laborer. He was not feeling well when he went to work, but remained for some time and then started for home.

He went to the One Hundred and Fourth street station of the Elevated Railroad and dropped his ticket in the box and then found he was on the wrong side of the track. He requested that he should be transferred to the other side.

He had some words with the ticket-chopper, and another of the employees of the road, who claimed he was drunk. A quarrel ensued, and the colored porter was called and he proceeded to put Donivan off the station. They both struggled and Donivan was thrown on his head and received injuries which resulted in paralysis of the left side.

He was taken to the hospital and remained unconscious for seven days. He went to the Adirondacks for the benefit of his health, and after his return attempted to do some work, but found that he could not. This action for damages was then brought.

LEWISKY A MUCH MARRIED MAN.

His Wife Appears in Newark and Tells of His Numerous Ventures.

NEWARK, March 16.—Lewis Lewisky is a much married man. Two angry women declare that they have been deceived.

Eva Beralasky, one of them, had been living for a time with Lewisky on Bedford street.

The girl thought that he would marry her, but a few days ago a woman claiming to be his wife, having married him in Russia, appeared.

She said that Lewisky had procured a divorce from a rabbi and married again. Soon after the second marriage Lewisky tired of his new wife and got divorced from her.

After this he had joined the Greek Church and married a Russian, with whom he lived for several years before deserting her and their three children. He then came to Newark and met Eva Beralasky. The lawful wife will get a legal divorce.

ECCENTRIC JASPER SMITH DEAD.

Alleged to Be the Original Inventor of the Turbine Wheel.

WASHINGTON, N. J., March 16.—Jasper Smith one of the most eccentric characters known in the northern part of the State died last night at his mountain home near Montana, Warren Co.

He was over eighty years old, and had always lived a secluded life.

At one time he was a local preacher and a poet. It is claimed by his friends that he was the first inventor of the turbine water wheel.

Not having the means to push his invention, it is said that some capitalists got hold of it and made it what it is to-day.

HAFFEN FOR HEINTZ'S PLACE.

Mayor Gilroy Urged by Annexed District Men to Appoint Him.

Louis F. Haffen is a candidate for the appointment to succeed the late Louis J. Heintz as Commissioner of Street Improvements in the Annexed District. A committee of citizens called on Mayor Gilroy to-day to urge his selection for the place.

Mr. Haffen was the Tammany candidate for the office at the election in 1888, and was defeated by Mr. Heintz. He is now the Superintendent of New Parks, in the upper part of the city.

Saloon-Keeper Sued for $10,000.

Judge Clement, in the City Court, Brooklyn, to-day, heard testimony in a suit brought by Matthew Cullen against Christian Prieter, a saloon-keeper, of 171 Flatbush avenue, to recover $10,000 damages for alleged assault in his saloon on Aug. 31 last.

WANTS THE ALDERMEN TO PAY.

They Voted to Give a $30,000 Franchise for Nothing.

The Trial of John Adamson's Suit Against Brooklyn Began.

A trial of the issues in the case of John Adamson against the city of Brooklyn, certain members of the Board of Aldermen and the Union Railroad Company, was had before Justice Cullen in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, this morning.

Adamson is a wealthy real estate owner, holding property on Union street.

In June, 1892, John Delmar, a well-known Democratic leader of the Twenty-third Ward, Brooklyn, and several associates applied for a charter for a franchise for a street railroad, to be known as the Union Railroad Company.

About the same time another company, headed by Gen. Stewart L. Woodford, a Republican politician, made an application for a franchise for a street railway, to be known as the Union Street Railway Company, the route and motive power to be identical with that of the Union Railroad Company. The route was to be from Ferry place, at Hamilton ferry, to Hamilton avenue, to Union street, to Ninth avenue, skirting Prospect Park to Twentieth street.

The officers of the Union Street Railway Company allege that they offered the city $30,000 for the franchise. The Union Railroad Company offered nothing. The Aldermen voted the franchise to Delmar's Company.

The bill went to Mayor Boody, and he vetoed it July 7, 1892. It went back to the Aldermen, and the votes of the following members of the Board passed the bill over the Mayor's veto:

Michael J. Coffey, Theodore Maurer, Thomas A. Beard, Robert Mackellar, Arthur J. Heaney, Anson Ferguson, James McGarry, Moses J. Wafer, Daniel McGrath, William Gaffney, J. Jefferson Black, A. W. Fitzgerald, W. H. Jordan, Richard Meier, Samuel Meyers and Charles J. Volkening.

Mayor Boody in his veto said that if the franchise was worth $30,000 to another company it was worth that to the city.

Mr. Adamson in his action asks that the Aldermen who passed the bill over Mayor Boody's veto be compelled to pay into the city treasury the value of the franchise.

He argues that the Aldermen in voting the franchise to the Union Railroad Company acted in collusion with the Company.

In August Lawyer Edward M. Grant got an order from the Supreme Court requiring the officers of the Company to show cause why an injunction should not issue, restraining them from using the franchise. It was withdrawn, as the Company did nothing.

In November the original action came up, and the city demurred.

This morning William J. Gaynor, Edward M. Grant and Paul De Fere appeared for Mr. Adamson; Foster L. Backus for the Aldermen; Corporation Counsel Jenks for the city; James C. Church and William C. De Witt for the Union Railroad Company.

Lawyer Edward M. Grant, attorney for the Union Street Railway Company, was called as the first witness. He said he was present at three meetings of the Aldermanic Railroad Committee, at which the petitions of the two railroad companies were considered.

He said he made an offer of $15,000 for the franchise for the Union Street Railway Company.

"The Chairman, Mr. McGrath, said he was not sitting there as auctioneer," Michael J. Coffey said, since the repeal of the Cantor act, money could not be received for franchises."

At the third hearing before the Committee he presented the amended petition and offered $30,000 for the franchise.

On cross-examination Mr. Grant said he filled in the offer of $30,000 in the amended petition after the President had signed it.

Alderman Edward P. Thomas testified that he was present at the meeting of the Common Council when the report of the Railroad Committee was read. He said no reference was made either to the Union Street Railroad or its offer of $30,000 for the franchise.

The plaintiff's counsel then rested.

Mr. Jenks then moved to dismiss the complaint, as far as the city was concerned, on the ground that fraud had not been proved.

The defense claim that action of the Aldermen was perfectly regular.

The case is still on.

THE HAWAIIAN AFFAIR.

Mr. Blount on His Way to 'Frisco—The Boston's Captain at Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Ex-Congressman James H. Blount, of Georgia, arrived at the Palmer House at midnight and to-day left early for San Francisco to sail for Honolulu. He is accompanied by Mrs. Blount and Ellis Mills, a private secretary and stenographer of the State Department.

Both Mr. Blount and his secretary were as mum as oysters last night. Upon his arrival here Mr. Blount went immediately to his room, while the secretary arranged for the transfer of baggage and the early start this morning.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Capt. Wiltse, of the United States ship Boston, passed through Chicago yesterday en route for New York and Washington. He was at the Leland Hotel all day, but declined to say anything relative to the Hawaiian annexation matter or his action as commander of the Boston.

SHOWED HIS COLORS AND DIED.

Startling End of a Preacher in a Temperance Meeting.

BOSTON, March 16.—The annual meeting of the East Cambridge Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held last evening in the Trinity M. E. Church, East Cambridge, was abruptly interrupted by the sudden death of one of the speakers, Rev. William Graham, pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Boston.

Mr. Graham was introduced to speak on "The Temperance Outlook." He arose and said: "I came out of a sick bed to show which side I am on." The sentence was hardly spoken when he fell back dead.

Marcus Daly's Horses on the Way.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Fourteen of Marcus Daly's crack race horses reached this city yesterday afternoon on a special train from Montana, and after a two hours' rest, started for New York. Among the animals are Montana, Tammany, Silver Fox, Sir Matthew and The Pepper.

POOR SUBSTITUTE for a well-known medicine pays more profit to a dealer, when he sells it. That's the reason he annoys you with his claim that it is "just as good." And that is one reason why every woman who wants Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription should go to a *reliable* dealer.

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Nothing else can be "just as good" for you to buy.

FOREIGN NEWS BY CABLE.

Lord Salisbury Prostrated by a Severe Attack of Influenza.

Gladstone Getting Well Fast—Parliamentary Election in Scotland.

LONDON, March 16.—The Marquis of Salisbury, ex-Premier and leader of the Conservatives, is suffering from a severe attack of influenza.

As the Marquis is a vigorous man of sixty-three years, no serious result is apprehended, but the Marquis has received numerous messages of condolence, including several from leading members of the Liberal party.

Mr. Gladstone himself sent a courteous inquiry as to the health of his leading political antagonist.

NO MORE GLADSTONE BULLETINS.

The Grand Old Man Now Getting Well Again Rapidly.

LONDON, March 16.—Mr. Gladstone is recovering from his indisposition and progressing so satisfactorily that no more bulletins will be issued as to his condition of health.

Liberal Member Succeeds Liberal for Banffshire, in Scotland.

LONDON, March 16.—The election in Banffshire, Scotland, yesterday of a member of Parliament to fill the place of Robert William Duff, Liberal, recently appointed Governor of New South Wales, resulted in the choice of Sir William Wedderburn, Liberal, by 3,160 votes to 2,395 votes for J. A. Grant, the Conservative and Liberal Unionist candidate.

CEDARBURG IS REMANDED.

Miss Tillinghast's Bookkeeper is Charged with Forgery.

A. Hugo Cedarburg, of 425 West Fifty-ninth street, the young bookkeeper for Miss Mary E. Tillinghast, the artist and decorator of 3 North Washington square, was arraigned in Jefferson Market court this morning charged with forgery.

Miss Tillinghast complained that Cedarburg had, while in her employ, forged checks aggregating $1,200 on the Fifth Avenue Bank, where she had an account.

President Frissell of the bank was also in court and asked that Cedarburg be remanded until to-morrow afternoon, as the bank officials had not had sufficient time to inquire into the extent of the forgeries. His request was granted.

When he was arrested last night and taken before Inspector McLaughlin, Cedarburg made a full confession. He volunteered the statement that he was driven to commit forgery by his expensive mode of living.

He said that he had been paying rent for a Miss Nellie Ridley, who occupied a flat at 103 West Thirty-eighth street, and that he had been making many valuable presents, among them a diamond pin worth $150.

Cedarburg is a Swede, twenty-eight years old. He is tall and graceful. He has a small mustache and a great shock of blonde hair, which lends him a very artistic appearance.

NON-UNION SWITCHMEN RETURN

They Fight on the Train and Loot a Station Restaurant on the Way.

ALLIANCE, O., March 16.—Two carloads of Philadelphia toughs who were sent to Chicago last week to take the places of the switchmen there in case they struck, passed through here yesterday afternoon on the Fort Wayne road on their return.

The whole crowd was roaring drunk. Fights were numerous among them, and over a dozen had broken noses and blackened eyes.

At Crestline they stole all the pies, sandwiches and cakes from the railroad restaurant and took half a dozen bottles of whiskey from the bar.

The station officials were unable to handle them and the train was hustled out of town.

TO CLEAR CHEROKEE STRIP.

Fifth Cavalry Troopers Ordered to Drive Out All Intruders.

WICHITA, Kan., March 16.—Capt. Bishop who reached Caldwell Tuesday with four troops of the Fifth Cavalry from Fort Reno, yesterday received orders from headquarters to clear the Cherokee Strip of all intruders.

He left Caldwell last evening with his command for the southern border of the strip, where it is reported boomers are crossing over to consider the matter.

It is said that as soon as the troops are out of the way the boomers who have congregated on the Kansas border during the last few days will make a break for the coveted lands.

JUDGE LYNCH'S FIELD DAY.

Two Negro Assailants Run Down and Hanged in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 16.—Residents of Brundige hanged Tom Brabson, colored, late yesterday afternoon at Nunn's Hill.

Monday afternoon Brabson went to the house of Charles Sehn, near Brundige, ostensibly to see Mr. Sehn. Mrs. Sehn met the negro at the door and told him her husband had gone away for the night.

The negro followed her into the house and assaulted her, leaving her in an unconscious condition.

In the search for Brabson another criminal assaulter was caught by the mob, and it is supposed he was hanged, too. His crime was committed in an adjoining county.

Switchman Charged with Assault.

Cornelius O'Neill, of 483 Grove street, a switchman of the New Jersey Central Railroad, was arraigned before Police Justice O'Donnell, in Jersey City to-day, on a charge of attempting an assault upon Mrs. Hannah Lyons, of 57 Essex street. Those who know O'Neill believe that Mrs. Lyons is mistaken in her identification. The case was adjourned until to-morrow to enable O'Neill to get counsel.

$300 Bail for a $4 Check.

James L. Washburn, aged seventy, of Willoughby street, Brooklyn, was held in $300 at the Tombs court this morning for passing a check for $4 on Albert J. Wickens, of 304 Broome street, this city. He waived examination.

$100,000 Brooklyn Park Bill.

ALBANY, March 16.—In Assembly to-day a bill was introduced by Mr. Kelly authorizing Brooklyn to expend $100,000 upon the parks in the Twelfth Ward and on Highland Park.

John I. Blair Helps Establish a Bank.

BELVIDERE, N. J., March 16.—The veteran millionaire John I. Blair favors the establishing of a National Bank at his home in Blairstown, Warren county, and has subscribed liberally to the enterprise. It is said that $50,000 worth of stock has already been taken by the residents of the place.

Coming Events.

Special prize speaking by the students of the old Freshman and the other preparatory classes in Manhattan College at Madison Hall, Madison avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, 2 P. M. to-morrow.

Ball of Our Own Club of the Ninth Ward at Tammany Hall, March 21.

Special meeting of the John J. Hanlon Association of the Seventeenth Assembly District at Forty-fourth street and Tenth avenue to-night.

Reception by the City Club, at which Bishop Potter will speak about "Affiliated Clubs," April 17.

Informal "stag" at the Selamagundi Club, 40 West Twenty-second street, to-morrow evening.

Smoker of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Club Saturday evening.

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POLICY SHOP KEEPERS HELD.

One Man Refused to Pay Over $250 That Was Fairly Won.

Six alleged policy shop keepers were held for examination on March 23 by Justice Walsh, in the Adams Street Court, Brooklyn, this morning.

They were arrested by Detective Sergeant Roche, of the Central Office Squad, on complaint of Peter P. Hunt, a carpenter, of 94 Cedar street, who alleges that he won $250 on a combination which he played last Feb. 21, at 36 Delmonico place. He says that the backer of the shop refused to pay over the money.

The prisoners were represented by Attorneys Furer and Lynch. Their names are Louis White, aged twenty-two, 36 Delmonico place; John Raff, 18 Montrose avenue; Margaret Schamander, aged forty-nine, 154 Gwinnett street; Frank Seyfert, of 52 Throop aven