HOFFMAN NOW TALKS

The Lackawanna Engineer Makes His First Public Statement.

He Declares that He Was Not Entirely to Blame.

Thinks the Dover Express Men Should Have Given a Warning.

Engineer David Hoffman, of the South Orange local that crashed into the Dover express last Monday morning on the Hackensack meadows, made his first public statement this morning to an "Evening World" reporter exclusively.

Engineer Hoffman rested on a cot on the third floor of St. Mary's Hospital, in Hoboken. By his bedside were his wife and daughter and two friends.

His head was completely swathed in bandages, which were discolored with blood. What little of his face was exposed showed frightful evidences of his daring leap from the cab of his engine on that fatal morning.

There wasn't a patch as big as a three-cent piece on his face that was free from abrasions. He said he felt very comfortable and hoped to be around in a few days. "The Evening World" reporter said:

"Engineer Hoffman, you have been blamed by President Sloan for causing this accident by running too fast."

"I am not to blame," replied Hoffman. "If I had heard any sort of a signal that morning, or any warning at all, I could have stopped my train in time and so prevented the accident. But there wasn't a torpedo on the track, nor did I see any sign of a flag. If the engineer of that Dover express had blown his whistle, why I would have heard it and so I would have pulled up short.

"My train was three minutes late in leaving Newark that morning. We are due in Hoboken at 8.29 o'clock. We should have left Newark at 8.14, but it was 8.17 Monday when we got away. Our schedule bids us make the run from Newark to Hoboken in seventeen minutes.

"That makes a run of eight miles, so you see, it is at a rate of thirty miles an hour. The fog was very dense, and it was increased by the noxious vapors that arise from the heaps of fertilizing material which are dumped on the meadows.

"Now, I didn't attempt to make up that three minutes that I was behind, although it is a fine run across the meadows in clear weather. In the fog Supt. Reasoner always told us to make no effort to gain lost time.

"I wasn't running much faster than twenty miles an hour. If I had been poking along slower, I would have been run into, anyhow, by a train behind me. Long before I came to Sanford's Crossing, which is the Pennsylvania road crossing, and over a mile away from the bridge, I blew a long whistle, and it must have been heard clear to the Hackensack Bridge.

"I got no answering whistle from any trains that had stopped ahead of me in reply. I was then easing my train down and was looking for the block signal when the rear end of the Dover express loomed up in front of me not over two-car lengths away.

"I shouted to my fireman, 'My God! Look there!' and at the same time I reversed the lever, pulled on the air brakes and jumped out of the right side of the cab.

"It is not right to blame me solely. I hadn't the slightest warning, and I wasn't running too fast."

"Do you think the block signal switch system would have prevented this accident?" asked "The Evening World" reporter.

Engineer Hoffman paused for a few moments and said:

"I have watched them work on the Pennsylvania road, and they do operate in fine shape. But I've engineered on the D., L. and W. system for twenty-two years and have never had any personal experience.

"However, judging from what I have seen myself, I think the block system would have gone a great way towards preventing the accident, if, in fact, it did not altogether prevent it."

Theodore T. White, jr., of Summit, N. J., was removed in an ambulance this morning from St. Mary's to the New York Hospital. This was not because he showed any alarming symptoms, but that his friends desired the change.

The condition of Edward M. Clark, another of the victims, is steadily growing worse, and late this afternoon the physicians feared the worst. It was also reported that Charles E. Mincher could not possibly live. With these exceptions, all the injured at St. Mary's Hospital are doing well.

The funerals of John H. Rimmer, of Summit, the bookkeeper for Broker Babcock, of 30 Broad street, and William Ferguson, of Summit, the Western Union Telegraph bookkeeper, were held to-day. A special train took the bodies and the mourners into the Hoboken depot of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western road this afternoon at 12.55 o'clock, enroute for the burial place.

Rimmer's body was taken to Woodlawn for interment and Ferguson's body to Evergreen Cemetery.

Edward M. Clark continued to sink this afternoon, and it was said he could not live twenty-four hours, and Charles E. Mincher had a sudden change for the worse, and was said to be in an extremely critical condition. He is suffering with a compound fracture of the thigh.

The twenty-eight Italians who were buried in the fall of the trestle yesterday on the New York, Susquehanna and Western road at Fairview, N. J., are reported as comfortable to-day, with the exception of Bangrazio Amadounge, whose left leg was amputated at the thigh last night. The shock has rendered him unconscious and he is very low.

Nobody has as yet claimed the body of the Italian who was instantly killed in the accident. It is now living in Volke's Morgue, and has been identified as that of Francesco Lacoldiso, forty years old. He had a wife and family living in Italy.

Another of the Italians died to-day. He was Raphael Colorosso, forty-two years old, unmarried. He was known as No. 645.

Quartet of Burglars Held.

Louis Ruff, Frederick Bohrman, August Schultz and Christian Ferdinand, the four burglars who were caught in the room at 218 Sixth street with 6,000 cigars that they had stolen from the Bohemia liquor store, at Ninth street and Third avenue, were committed for trial at Harry Mahon's Police Court to-day. Bernard Hendrix, of 21 Second street, who was also arrested in connection with the burglary, has turned State's witness against the four burglars. He was discharged on the charge of burglary and was committed to the House of Detention as a witness against the other.

An Old Man Dies of Delirium Tremens.

A patient in the alcoholic ward of Bellevue Hospital died this morning in a fit of delirium tremens. He was John Hannan, seventy-four years old. He came to Bellevue yesterday from the Harlem Hospital.

Local News in Brief.

James Bayle, porter on the steamship City of Washington, says that I was not he who took care of the stateroom of Mr. Menendez, who was robbed on a voyage to this city from Havana. Menendez also says that Boyd knew nothing of the valuables in his room.

John Wren, thirty-seven years old, of 445 East Eightieth street, was held for trial in the Harlem Court this morning for stealing a gold watch and chain from his cousin, Annie Wren.

Henry Grogan, seventeen years old, of 129 Lincoln avenue, who, with two other boys, is charged with entering the residence of Abraham Brneshke, 181 East One Hundred and Seventh street, and stealing $100 worth of wearing apparel, was held in $1,000 for examination in the Harlem Court this morning.

Kate Kelly, of 221 West Nineteenth street, and Magie Johnson, of 221 West Forty-seventh street, were held in Jefferson Market Court this morning for shoplifting in Ehrich's dry-goods store yesterday.

John Wengelein, the photographer, charged with selling obscene pictures to Elevated Railroad employees, was arraigned in Part I. of General Sessions to-day. He pleaded not guilty.

MISS EDITH EASTON'S STORY.

Her Strange Career Led Her to the House of Mercy.

Admirers Tried to Rescue Her from the Temporary Home.

A sweet-faced girl, of gentle manners and with an air of refinement, who was in the Tombs Police Court this morning in charge of the Gerry Society, told a remarkable story, that may be accepted with a grain of salt.

On the night of Jan. 11 the police were called to the furnished room house kept by Mrs. Mary Burrowes, at 12 Varick place. Mrs. Burrowes and her son John had a dispute, which culminated in a row that required the efforts of several policemen to quell.

While the police were at the house they noticed a young girl who seemed out of place and shuffled to her surroundings. She said her name was Edith Easton, and that she occupied a room in the house with a girl friend called Pussy.

The police that night removed Edith to the Temporary Home for Women, at 11 Varick place, opposite the Burrowes house. During the night a disturbance was raised in the rear of the Temporary Home by four young men, who scaled the fence and loudly demanded the release of Edith Easton.

They persisted so long and were so loud in their demands that the Matron of the Home, fearing the men would resort to violence in order to effect the rescue of the girl, raised her voice in a scream for help. This she repeated at intervals until the approach of all frightened the young men and they went away.

The next day the Matron notified the Gerry Society of the case, and gave her opinion that the girl was under sixteen years of age, although she said she was seventeen.

Agent King, of the Society, was sent to investigate the case, and the result was that the girl was taken in charge and removed to the headquarters of the Society.

The girl would attract more than a passing glance. She is petite, and of the blonde type. Her cheeks are rosy and her blue eyes are bright. Her golden hair is worn short, the curls falling in clusters from under a jaunty hat with a wavy plume.

To Agent King the girl said she was born in Albany seventeen years ago, and that her parents, John and Edith Easton, died two years ago. She said her home was at 220 Clinton avenue. Her brother Henry, she said, now keeps a saloon at 29 Maiden lane, Albany.

In October, 1892, said the girl, a theatrical manager named Wilkinson induced herself and three other Albany girls to go on the road to act in comic skits, such as "Poker Flat" and the like. Her salary was $11 a week.

The first place where she played was West Newton, Mass., where, she says, she was arrested by the police, suspected of having run away from home. She was, however, released.

She says she remained with the company until Christmas, 1892, when she, with the rest of the company, was stranded at West Newton, Mass., with three weeks' salary due.

During the time she was with Wilkinson, she says, she travelled all over the Eastern Circuit, meeting with varying fortunes.

Three times she was arrested on suspicion of being a runaway from home—at West Newton, Mass.; at Revere Beach and at Hartford, Conn. Each time she was let go.

After being stranded at West Newton, the girl went to Albany and remained a few weeks. Then she was prevailed upon by another girl member of the disbanded company, named "Pussy," to come to this city. Here she nearly starved to death, but finally got work last Summer at a Coney Island resort, where she earned $15 a week, singing and dancing.

At the close of the Coney Island season she went to Paterson, N. J., to stay with a man. The girl remained there several days. She was arrested in Paterson as a runaway, but let go. Then she visited relatives at Saratoga Springs, returning to this city last October.

Here she fell in with "Pussy" again, and went to live with her in Macdougal street, where she was when the place was raided by the police a few weeks ago to recover a quantity of stolen goods. Several persons were arrested at the time, among them Edward O'Brien, charged with being a receiver of stolen goods. He was a particular friend of "Pussy."

It was after the place in Macdougal street had been broken up that Edith and "Pussy" went to live at the Burrowes' house, in Varick place, where Edith was found.

Upon the recommendation of Agent King, Justice Martin committed the girl to the House of Mercy at Inwood.

CHILDREN SHARE EQUALLY.

Benj. R. Winthrop's Will Construed by Justice Lawrence.

Justice Lawrence, of the Supreme Court, to-day rendered a decision in putting a construction on the will of Benjamin R. Winthrop, who died in London in 1873, leaving a large estate in this city, heavily encumbered.

A widow, three sons and two daughters survived him, and Elgerton L. Winthrop was made executor of the will. Since then Mrs. Winthrop, the widow of the testator, has died and the executor has succeeded in relieving the estate of all encumbrances.

By a provision of the will, the widow was given the house at 138 Second avenue, rent free for her life and $20,000 a year. Out of the residue of the estate each child was to receive $5,000 a year during the life of the widow, and on her death $2,000 a year additional. The executor was also allowed to give each an additional $1,000 a year if he thought best, and was also given the privilege of lending each $1,000 a year.

Another clause of the will provided for the dividing of the estate into five equal parts for the children upon the death of the widow. At this clause seemingly contradicted with the other clause of the will, the executor brought an action for a construction of the will and an accounting.

Justice Lawrence set aside the clauses providing for the yearly incomes for the children, and ordered the estate divided into five equal parts.

Polish Actress Shot and Killed.

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Baby Lillian's Fatal Tumble.

Baby Lillian Ruth Bookner, whose parents live at 249 East Tenth street, tumbled out of her high chair, and died a few hours later from peritonitis, the result of her injuries. The Coroner is going to investigate the case.

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Convalescence is very slow, and to recover the healthy tone a good tonic is absolutely necessary. Hood's Sarsaparilla has been used with wonderful success as a building-up medicine and blood purifier after attacks of the grip, after Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Pneumonia or other prostrating diseases. It possesses just the building-up effect so much needed, it vitalizes and enriches the thin and impoverished blood, and it invigorates the kidneys and stimulates the liver so that they resume regular and healthy action. Thousands have taken

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TO STEAL HIS WIFE NEXT.

Threat Made by Thieves on Their Third Visit to Scheland.

Charles Scheland, a Williamsburg saloon-keeper, who has been robbed twice within the past fifteen days, was visited by burglars again last night, and this time, as he had predicted, they took his watch-dog. The animal is a handsome St. Bernard, and answers to the name of Rex.

Scheland's saloon is only two doors from the Lee avenue police station, yet this year thieves got into his saloon through the cellar and rifled the cash register, and on a second visit got into Mr. Scheland's rooms over the saloon and secured $125 in money and jewelry.

This morning when Mr. Scheland went to open the saloon he found that his dog was missing. He reported the case to Special Deputy Sheriff Whiters, to whom he said that the thieves had left a note, stating that they would come and get his wife next time.

It is supposed that the dog was spirited away by some one who knew him, which would explain the fact that he went without any trouble. Mr. Scheland declined to discuss the case this morning, and became angry whenever his friends stopped to sympathize with him.

DRUNK AT FOURTEEN.

Arrest of a Youngster with an Appetite for Beer.

William Louft, fourteen years old, who lives with his father, John Louft, and his married sister, Mrs. Mary Murphy, at 414 West Thirty-fourth street, was arrested by Policeman Murphy yesterday for being drunk and raising a disturbance.

The lad was with a companion named McKintes, in the basement of 501 West Twenty-sixth street, during the afternoon, and became intoxicated on beer.

Then he went up to the apartments of a Mrs. Kulne, at the same number, and kicked in a door panel. He also assaulted Mrs. Kulne's children. He was then arrested.

The lad was arraigned before Justice Ryan at Jefferson Market Court to-day, and was committed to the care of the Gerry Society, pending a hearing on Friday.

A WOMAN BOOKMAKER.

Miss Perrine Charged with Conducting a Betting Establishment.

Jennie Perrine, thirty-three years old, of 37 Charles street, was held in the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning, charged with keeping a bookmaking establishment at her residence.

The complainant was Miss Martha Belmont, of 61 West Eleventh street, a stylishly dressed woman of thirty years. She resulted to having made bets on horses with Miss Perrine at the latter's residence, and that several other women were there at the same time.

The horse Miss Belwood bet on won the race, but Miss Perrine refused to pay, it is claimed. Then a warrant was secured.

MRS. FREY ARRESTED.

Adjudged in Contempt Some Time Ago, but Couldn't Be Found.

Mrs. Amelia Frey was arrested to-day by Deputy Sheriff Walgering upon an order issued by Judge Bischoff, of the Court of Common Pleas, for contempt of court.

The order of arrest was issued several weeks ago, when Mrs. Frey failed to appear in supplementary proceedings.

Considerable trouble was experienced in locating Mrs. Frey, and not until to-day was her arrest accomplished.

The judgment against her is a small one, and it is said she will settle it and be released.

ASSAULTED A WOMAN.

A Jealous Colored Man Must Go to Jail.

Justice Connolly, in the Gates Avenue Police Court Brooklyn, this morning sentenced William F. Williams, of 923 Atlantic avenue, to twenty-nine days in Raymond Street Jail for assaulting Ella Delagall, of 53 Sumpter street, on Atlantic avenue last Monday night.

The woman was walking with Charles L. Johnson, of 69 South Oxford street, at the time, and Williams's attack is supposed to have been caused by jealousy. Johnson, Williams and the woman are colored.

Sues for $5,000.

Lizzie Corne, eleven years old, through her father, W. H. Corne, as guardian ad litem, today began suit in the Supreme Court before Judge Beach against J. H. Truesdell & Co. to recover $5,000 damages for alleged assault and false arrest. The complaint alleges that she was employed as a cashgirl, and on the evening of Nov. 21, 1893, was accused of having lost a cash check. She was searched, and this action, it is alleged, caused the child such a nervous shock that she has never recovered.

Assaulted Her Sister.

Delia Mullaly, thirty years old, was committed to the [illegible] for three months by Justice Hogan, in the Essex Market Police Court, to-day. Her sister, Mary Callahan, of 569 East Thirteenth street, was the complainant against her. She stated that Delia came to her apartments last night and assaulted her because she refused to give her some money for liquor. Delia has been arrested before for similar offenses.

SHAW AND FERGUSON PLEAD.

"Guilty of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree" Accepted.

Daniel Shaw, the shipping clerk who is accused by Arnold, Constable & Co. of embezzling $11,000 worth of goods, and Adelbert F. C. Ferguson, a co-defendant, were on the calendar of Part III. of the General Sessions for trial to-day.

Every preliminary for the trial was arranged, and it was expected that they would make an attempt to exonerate themselves, as they had previously pleaded not guilty.

When they were arraigned at the bar this afternoon their counsel, A. W. Tenney, informed Recorder Smyth that he desired to enter a plea. After much discussion he was allowed to plead guilty to grand larceny in the second degree. Shaw and Ferguson were remanded until next Wednesday for sentence.

The specific complaint against them is the larceny of eighteen yards of silk, valued at $45.

When Shaw was arrested at his home in Greenfield Hills, near Saratoga, in December last, he was alleged to have confessed to hiding under the floor of his house the property that Arnold, Constable & Co. missed. More than $8,000 worth was recovered.

MAX MANSFIELD A PRISONER.

Billy McGlory's Successor Passed a Worthless Check.

Max Mansfield, who, it is claimed, lost $6,000 which he put into the Amberg Theatre, and who later became proprietor of the "Cafe Figaro," Billy McGlory's old place, on Fourteenth street, was held for examination in Jefferson Market Police Court to-day charged with passing a worthless check.

The plaintiff was Jacob Gottschalk, a liquor dealer, of 396 Greenwich street, and the check was for $106. The detective who made the arrest had much trouble in finding him.

Shot at Her Tormentor.

Judge Fitzgerald, in Part I. of General Sessions, to-day sentenced Nicola Votara, an Italian woman, to six months in the penitentiary for firing a pistol at Giuseppe Domenichino, on Mulberry street, two weeks ago. The prisoner pleaded guilty and said the complainant had been annoying her.

MORE CRACKS IN THE ARCH.

Nothing Yet Done to Repair the Washington Memorial.

The Marble Stands in Need of Thorough Cleaning, Too.

The beautiful Washington Memorial Arch is still cracking. Foreman Johnson, of the Park Department, says there are cracks other than those first discovered by "The Evening World." The Washington Park policemen have also noticed new splits here and there in the marble structure.

So far nothing has been done to remove the marks of decay. A hasty examination was made recently by D. H. King, jr., the builder; Mr. White, the architect, and W. R. Stewart, the Memorial Fund Treasurer, but no action has been taken to repair the arch.

Several members of the Arch Committee have examined the cracks lately, among them Richard W. Gilder, of The Century magazine, and secretary of the Committee.

Mr. Gilder examined the cracks with a magnifying glass, and was surprised beyond measure at their number and size. Mr. Gilder said, so he said to-day, that Mr. White and Mr. King were to have attended to the matter, and were to have the cracks "pointed" as soon as possible. He thought the beauty of the arch was very much destroyed, but expected the defects would be repaired so as not to be noticeable.

"It is a matter of deep regret to the men who worked so hard for the erection of the arch," Mr. Gilder added, "to hear of the present condition of the arch, and we will do what we can to make it just as beautiful as it was when completed.

"Mr. Sinclair, who furnished the stone, made no profit whatever, as he contributed a large portion of it, and what he sold was purchased at what might be called cost price.

"I think the cracks were caused by settling, and can be removed beyond detection by 'pointing.'"

John J. Sinclair, who furnished the marble for the arch, is using the same stone in building a new house for Cornelius Vanderbilt at Newport, and in the addition to the millionaire's mansion at Fifth avenue and Fifty-eighth street.

Mr. Sinclair and Mr. King both think the arch safe, although they admit its appearance is somewhat marred.

The work of "pointing" will be done just as soon as the weather permits, so Foreman Johnson says.

Several people living in the vicinity of the arch complain of the condition in which its base is kept. From the ground up to the height of six or seven feet the marble is covered with filth, and needs a thorough cleaning.

SMALL-POX IN THE MISSION.

Mary Reynolds, an Inmate of the Florence Resort, a Victim.

The liveliest kind of excitement existed among the frequenters of Florence Mission, 23 Bleecker street, this morning, when it became known that one of the inmates had been stricken with smallpox. The fact was not generally understood until a corps of health inspectors arrived and began the work of fumigating the place.

The small-pox victim was Mary Reynolds, twenty-two years old, who until a few days ago had been on Blackwell's Island, where small-pox has broken out in the Charity Hospital.

While on the island, Mary Reynolds was engaged in scrubbing the floors of the ward in which the small-pox broke out. When she left the island a few days ago she took up her quarters in the Florence Mission, participated in all the services, and slept there at night.

When her appearance this morning conclusively indicated that she had the disease, the Health Department was notified, and the fumigation followed. She was removed to North Brother Island.

NICTHEROY TROUBLE OVER.

Her Crew Regularly Signed for the Brazilian Navy.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A letter from the Associated Press correspondent at Pernambuco, dated Jan. 2, announces that the troubles on board the Nictheroy were over, and that the dynamite cruiser received her formal commission as a warship on New Year's Day.

The correspondent adds that on Jan. 2 it was reported ashore that the men were signing the rolls and regularly entering the Brazilian Navy.

TORPEDO ON THE TRACK.

Mischievous Newsboy Gives Park Row a Big Scare.

Much excitement was caused on Park Row opposite the Post-Office Building at 2 P. M. to-day by the explosion of a torpedo on the Third Avenue Cable Railroad tracks.

It sounded like a pistol shot, and in a few minutes windows were thrown up and an immense crowd congested the traffic on the Row.

The mischievous newsboy who put the torpedo on the track escaped just as a policeman appeared.

MAYOR'S FUND INCREASING.

Over $15,000 Now in Hand for the Relief of the Poor.

The Mayor's fund for the relief of the unemployed now amounts to $15,149.69. Contributions recently received are as follows:

Brothers and manufacturers	$100.00
Commissioner of street Improvements Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Wards	250.00
Charities and Correction	341.00
Kensington Schweter Verein	100.00
Previously acknowledged	13,858.64
Total	$15,149.64

The Doctors Were Mistaken.

John Kipp, of Lexington One Hundred and Sixth street, who left home a month ago in the Council from Works, at Eighteenth street and Twenty-seventh street, yesterday died in the Bellevue Hospital. He walked from Central Park to his home, and it was supposed at first the trip had taken cold.

Quite Apropos.

(From New York Weekly.)

Bigleigh—Old Soak's wife speaks of his nose as his paragoge.

Bigleigh—What is that?

Bigleigh—Because it's a little red.

Wire News in Brief.

Three constables were wounded near Rouse, Ky., in a conflict with the friends of Jesse Jade, a negro desperado.

Martin & Infreme, contractors, and Henry Quimby & Son, sash and blind dealers, assigned at Haverhill, Mass., yesterday.

Michael Stanton and Jerry Haggerty were arrested at Somerworth, N. H., yesterday, on the suspicion of starting fourteen incendiary fires within six months.

Robert F. Wolle was yesterday confirmed by the Chamber Council as special accountant agent of the Cherokees at Washington.

Dresden, O., a town of 1,500 inhabitants, was visited by a destructive fire last night. Several buildings were destroyed and the total loss is about $20,000.

The Royal Furniture Company, of St. Paul, Minn., has assigned, with assets of $81,000 and liabilities of $56,000.

Fire last night damaged the carpet and upholstering manufactory of Leghtenstein & Hart at Wilmington, Del., to the extent of $17,500.

The National Association of General Baggage Agents met at St. Augustine, Fla., yesterday for its thirteenth annual session.

John Sainborn has been arrested at Baker, Kan., on the charge of murdering James Johnson at Hanover, Pa., last October.

DANA STAYED AWAY.

And the Park Board Couldn't Open Speedway Bids.

His Action May Defeat the Single Sidewalk Scheme.

New Bids Will Probably Be Advertised for Now.

By absenting himself from the meeting of the Park Board to-day Commissioner Paul Dana prevented his colleagues from opening bids for the one sidewalk speedway plan, and probably defeated the plan from being carried out, for the present at least.

Commissioner Straus is in Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. Dana's presence was necessary to make a quorum for opening the bids for the construction of the first section of the speedway, at 11 o'clock to-day.

Mr. Dana sent a telegram dated at 10 o'clock from the Grand Central Depot, saying that he could not attend the meeting to-day.

If it was part of Mr. Dana's plan of campaign to stay action on the single sidewalk scheme by remaining away, he calculated well, as the failure to open the bids at the advertised time may nullify them all, and it may be necessary to readvertise for new bids.

Mr. Morris, Comptroller Fitch's representative, expressed grave doubts as to the legality of the postponement.

"I don't think you can postpone the opening of bids," he said to President Tappen.

"What else can we do. The law also says that we cannot transact business without a quorum," he replied.

This seemed to complicate the muddle.

President Tappen said there was nothing to do but to postpone, and he announced an adjournment until Monday.

In the mean time, he said, he hoped the bidders would have confidence enough in the Board to believe that the bids would not be tampered with.

To reassure the bidders, he said that Contract Clerk Smith, in whose custody the bids would remain, was an honest man.

The bids were sealed up in a box. There were thirteen of them.

By his action to-day Mr. Dana has gained more time in the hope that the Legislature will pass the bill now pending, compelling the Park Commissioners to provide for two sidewalks.

As Mr. Dana's telegram was dated from the Grand Central Depot, it is assumed that Mr. Dana was on his way to Albany to urge such action by the Legislature.

This telegram, dated Atlanta, Ga., was read for the benefit of the reporters and the spectators:

I regret being unable to attend to-day's meeting. I have not changed my opinion about sidewalks. One is ample for the present. Any changes means weeks' delay and then present adding another sidewalk when necessity arises, which does not now exist. It is work, not walks, the laborer wants, and I sincerely hope that the sidewalk suits will prevent you from awarding contract, as I know that the estimates will be less than in prosperous times, because so many are seeking work, and it is in your power to provide it, and your duty to give it without delay. NATHAN STRAUS.

Engineer Kellogg has made a report that the plans for the speedway could be modified or changed after the contract was awarded. Mr. Dana claimed that this could not be done.

To another one of Mr. Dana's objections, that small contractors could be shut out from bidding, because the work would not be paid for until finished, instead of in instalments, Mr. Kellogg replied that that was not an unusual provision. Many city contracts were made on similar conditions.

Corporation Counsel Clark, when asked whether the action of the Park Commissioners was legal, replied:

"As the matter may come before me in an official way, I do not care to say. The matter is too important to be decided in an off-hand opinion."

TO PAY TABERNACLE DEBT.

New Plan Will Be Devised When Rev. Dr. Talmage Returns.

Rev. Dr. T. De Witt Talmage is in Washington, and the congregation of the Brooklyn Tabernacle are anxiously awaiting the return of their pastor when a new scheme is to be devised by which the church debt may be liquidated at a large discount.

The last plans devised by the trustees provided for the settlement of $320,000 in debts for 23 per cent. The trustees now propose to charge an admission to services to the Tabernacle services, and hope by this means to raise a considerable sum.

It is also reported again that Dr. Talmage is about to resign as pastor unless the church debts are liquidated.

NEW POLICE BILL NOT READY.

Elihu Root Hasn't Drafted the One-Head Commission Measure.

The draft of a new Police bill, presumably favoring a one-head Police Commission, to be presented at Albany by the Union League Committee, will not be completed until the return from Washington of Elihu Root, Chairman of the Committee.

At the meeting yesterday in the Republican Club, Chauncey M. Depew, Edward Mitchell, Robert P. Porter, John A. Sleicher and John E. Milholland were present. Chairman Root and Brayton Ives were absent. Messrs. Depew and Mitchell favored the one-head proposal.

Who will introduce the new bill at Albany has not yet been decided, though it is rumored that Hamilton Fish will do so.

SLIPPERY DAY IN BOSTON.

A Street Episode That Aroused the Ire of a Man.

And then she fell into his arms.

But it wasn't in the last chapter of the novel, says the Boston Post.

It was in real life along that capital toboggan slide, Park street, one day last week.

And she weighed a great deal more than the heroines in novels ever weigh, and she was neither young nor beautiful.

And it was so entirely unexpected, for he was absorbed in picking his dangerous but dignified way on the icy stretch towards the State House, and gave no heed to the avalanche that was sliding down upon him.

And then he was buried under it and two frantic arms were excitedly attached to his neck, in what should have been a rapturous embrace. But it wasn't.

She tottered to her feet and caught at the side of a building with what was meant to be a posture of haughty indignation, and as impressively as a woman whose hat is crooked and whose back hair is falling down may deliver herself, she pronounced one freezing word: "Sir."

The thermometers all over the city felt the depression in the atmosphere. He was encouraged by feeling the depression in his new derby. He drew himself up with as much dignity as was compatible with the retention of his equilibrium, and with a pained accent in his voice, he said:

"Madame, I assure you," and then he sat down on the pavement at her feet suddenly and impulsively.

But she had discreetly unfurled the screen of her big umbrella and taken to the middle of the street, leaving him the cynosure of all the smiles in the vicinity.

And then he picked himself up and started towards the State House, saying things that immediately made the mercury rise to the ton of Beacon Hill.

Trouser Sale

Extraordinary.

1,500 choice qualities heavy-weight Worsted, Silk and Cassimere effects, &c.,

$5.00, $6.00 & $7.00 values at **$2.98**

Choice of 600 Suits, worth 14.80 & 18.00, at **$9.80**

AT BOTH STORES.

123 and 125 Fulton St., Bet. Nassau and William Sts.

383 Broadway, Near White St.

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Banking and Financial.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

NEW YORK BUILDING-LOAN BANKING COMPANY.

NO. 16 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1893.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Current expenses	$18,383.61	Surplus Jan. 1, 1893	$45,358.25
10 per cent. depreciation on organization acct	150.00	Interest	91,797.09
10 per cent. depreciation on furniture acct	102.52	Premium	15,251.51
Dividends on Class B, C and D shares and paid up share and interest on mortgages	26,993.61	Fine, withdrawal profits and admission fees	2,827.66
Profits apportioned to Maturity Fund, 10 per cent. on Class A shares	7,240.22		
Surplus	61,672.56		
	$115,204.54		$115,204.54

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand and in bank	$2,280.82	Liability to shareholders on shares	$654,947.50
Bills receivable	112.50	Mortgages assumed	37,500.00
Real estate purchased for members	740,001.88	Maturity fund	10,174.68
Loans on bond and mortgage on shares	11,085.00	Dividends due and interest on mortgages accrued	9,740.23
Office furniture	10,776.38	Advance payments of interest and premium	561.66
Organization acct	1,462.90	Due for taxes and insurance	1,974.70
Arrears of interest and premium	1,100.00	Surplus	61,672.56
" of taxes and insur. premium	6,484.10		
" for searches	1,558.17		
" of rent	298.50		
Stationery and printed matter on hand	420.31		
	500.00		
	$776,571.48		$776,571.48

We, the undersigned, certify that the foregoing report of the Secretary has been compared with the books and accounts of the Association and that we find the same correct.

J. DALLAS DEAN, GEO. C. COFFIN, CLARENCE MARSHALL, } Examining Committee.

SANFORD MEN LOSE.

Regulars Seated in the Queens County Republican Committee.

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., Jan. 18.—The argument in the mandamus proceedings brought by the Sanford faction of the Republican party of this city against Chairman William J. Young, of the County Central Committee, and the chairman of the local Republican Committee, to compel the latter from recognizing the delegates of the regular Republican party of this city, was heard today before Justice Gaynor in the Supreme Court in the city. The Court decided in favor of the regular Republicans against the Sanford men.

The trouble first originated in the primary elections held on the night of Dec. 6, when the Sanford faction tried to capture the primaries with a view, it is said, of controlling the County Central Committee so as to secure certain legislation in Albany for the Sanford men.

The regular Republicans had three election inspectors, Charles W. Prae, Jacob Steil and Louis Webber. Webber finally seceded from the regular party and joined the Sanford faction. These held another primary and drummed up the various factories of Astoria for voters. The result was that Webber appointed two other inspectors, and the Sanford men polled a much larger vote than the regular Republicans. The latter, however, was about to be recognized at the last meeting of the Republican County Central Committee when the Sanford men obtained an order from the court restraining the County Central Committee from seating them as the regular delegates.

There were a number of witnesses on both sides examined this morning, and when the Court announced his decision there was great exultation among the regular Republicans, and a corresponding degree of discomfiture among the partisans of Mayor Sanford.

TOM PLATT MAKES A DEAL.

But It Relates to the Express Business, Not to Politics.

(By Associated Press.)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 18.—The most important express company deal of recent years was made in Chicago yesterday by ex-Senator Platt, President of the United States Express Company. By it that company will occupy the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway and all its branches and retire from the Chicago and Northwestern Railway in favor of the American Express Company.

This practically shuts out the Adams Express Company, which has hitherto had the St. Paul from the Northwest. The Adams Company's offices here will be closed. The agreement goes into effect about March 1.

Searles Is Now a N. P. Director.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Northern Pacific Railroad directors held at 35 Wall street this morning John E. Searles was added to the directory to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Johnston Livingston. The resignations of Messrs. Barney and Hall from the Board of Directors were accepted. The vacancies will doubtless be filled at the next meeting.

Stanard Admitted to Bail.

Henry M. Stanard, one of the defendants in the fraudulent election cases, who has been in the Tombs since his arrest on Dec. 22, was this morning admitted to bail in $1,000 by Judge Fitzgerald, in Part I. of General Sessions. Stanard was charged with perjury in pretending to be blind, and getting assistance in the ballot booth. Abram L. Lowenthal, of 263 West Fourteenth street, was bondsman.

Civil Engineers at Sandy Hook.

The American Society of Civil Engineers, headed by President William P. Craighill, of Baltimore, went in body this morning to Sandy Hook to witness some armor-piercing tests. They left the battery on the steamer Laura M. Starin and will remain all day.

Ex-Congressman Rothwell Dead.

(By Associated Press.)

MOBERLY, Mo., Jan. 18.—Ex-Congressman C. P. Rothwell died at his home in this city this morning of Bright's disease. The funeral will take place here on Friday.

Fell Dead on the Street.

John Coughlin, sixty years old, of 51 Gouverneur street, fell dead at 8 o'clock this morning while walking in front of 295 South street.

Boy Says He Was Kidnapped.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—Edward Rose, aged ten, told the police here to-day that he was taken nearly a year ago from Buffalo, N. Y., where his parents live, and brought to Chicago by a stranger, who has time compelled him to beg for his support. The police found the boy sleeping in a freight-car half dead from cold and hunger.

Chicago Man Commits Suicide.

(By Associated Press.)

PORT HURON, Mich., Jan. 18.—H. B. F. Odell, a real-estate dealer, of 911 Adams street, Chicago, committed suicide at the Huron House by taking chloroform and prussic acid early this morning. He left an envelope addressed to W. H. Thomas, Oshawa, Ont., reading: "Mr. Odell died here suddenly last night. Come at once. Answer."

How She Knew.

(From New York Weekly.)

Mr. Saphead (during the honeymoon)—When did my little duckie darling first discover that she loved me?

Bride (sweetly)—When I found myself getting mad every time any one called you a fool.

23d Street Le Boutillier Bros

250 Ladies' Winter Jackets

AT AN

Enormous Sacrifice.

The prices of these well-made and reliable garments were originally from $15.00 and $22.00, and a nominal price of

$2.98 each

is made to close them out speedily.

West 23d Street

Election Notices.

STATE OF NEW YORK, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER.

Whereas, A vacancy exists in the office of Representative in Congress for the Fifteenth Congressional District of the State of New York caused by the resignation of Ashbel P. Fitch, whose term of office would have expired on the fourth day of March, 1895; and

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States provides that "When vacancies happen in the representation from any State the Executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies;" and

Whereas, The laws of the State provide that "Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in any elective office which cannot be filled by appointment for a period extending to or beyond the next general election at which a person may be elected thereto, the Governor shall make proclamation of a special election to fill such office, specifying the district or county in which the election is to be held, and the day thereof, which shall be not less than twenty nor more than forty days from the date of the proclamation;" and

Whereas, A proclamation was issued by me on the twenty-ninth day of December, ultimo, appointing an election to be held in the said Fifteenth Congressional District on Tuesday, the twenty-third day of January, instant; and

Whereas, It now appears to my satisfaction that the date fixed for such election does not permit of sufficient time for the proper holding of political primaries and conventions and the subsequent filing of nominations in accordance with law;

Now, Therefore, I do hereby revoke and annul the aforementioned proclamation of date December 29, 1893, as aforesaid, and I, Roswell P. Flower, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby direct that an election for a Representative in the Fifty-third Congress of the United States for the Fifteenth Congressional District of said State, in the place of the said Ashbel P. Fitch, be held in the said Fifte