MERIT COUNTS, SOMETIMES.

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office of Coddington Bros., at 17 Wall street.

"Does this include the history of your earlier life?" Mr. Sutherland asked.

"It's about all I can remember. If the Committee wants any further information I shall be very glad to give them all in my power."

Commissioner Martin defined the chief duty of the Board as the administration and discipline of the police force. He thought his general clerical experience and familiarity with other city departments had fitted him for the office of Police Commissioner, and he had further qualified himself for the position by studying up the laws pertaining to the subject and the rules and regulations of the Department.

All orders of the Board to the force were transmitted through the Superintendent, who was the absolute executive officer. No one Commissioner could give orders to the Superintendent.

Supt. Byrnes was appointed to his office in April, 1892. Commissioner Martin did not know that any more arrests in excise cases were made after Byrnes's appointment than before. He knew that there had been great activity in arresting violators of the Excise law since Byrnes had been Superintendent.

He testified that Supt. Byrnes took a vacation in the Summer of 1892, and that Inspector Steers was in charge of the force, but he denied that he had sent for Steers and given him any instructions in regard to the making of arrests.

"Was there not a complaint made to you in writing by the saloon-keepers of the city in regard to these arrests?"

"Not that I know."

Commissioner Martin remembered that there was a complaint against the "spy system" about that time, which was that policemen in citizens' clothes would visit saloons durin the hours when the sale of liquor was prohibited, and blackmail the saloon-keepers.

"Did not the Board pass a resolution discontinuing this practice?"

"No. They simply passed a resolution declaring that they believed the system improper. The reason was that we thought it was improper and demoralizing to the force."

"Did you hear it said that policemen took money from saloon-keepers."

"Yes."

The witness finally did remember an occasion, one Saturday during the Summer of 1892, when Supt. Byrnes was away, that he sent for Chief Inspector Steers and told him that he had heard the captains were sending out a good many men in citizens' clothes, and called his attention to the resolution of the Board condemning the practice.

"I went to Headquarters expecting to find Supt. Byrnes, and when I learned he was away I sent for Inspector Steers, who was in command.

"Why didn't you wait for Byrnes to return?"

"Because I didn't think it necessary."

"And Steers promulgated this order to the force?"

"I suppose he did."

The witness said he had heard the rumor about sending out the unusual number of men from several citizens whom he met that day on the street. This was early in June, 1892.

The occasion, he thought, was a proper one to call attention to the resolution passed the previous year against the spy system.

"I thought the captains were sending out these men. I did not know that Supt. Byrnes had anything particular to do with it. The Supterintendent was only away for the day, I understood."

"You did not give Supt. Byrnes any explanation for speaking to Inspector Steers on this matter, when he returned the following week?"

"No, I don't think I did. I didn't see any necessity for such an explanation. I would have given the instructions to Mr. Byrnes if he had been in town."

Mr. Sutherland branched off at this point and asked Mr. Martin some questions about his political leadership in the Twenty-first Assembly District.

"Believes" He's Leader.

"You are the leader of the district?"

"That's what they call it, I believe."

"You select the district captains each year?"

"Yes, that's one of my duties."

"And you give them instructions?"

"Not very often."

"All the patronage and applications from men in your district for office are referred to you, are they not?"

"Yes."

"And you are required to obtain places for men in your district?"

"Yes, to a certain extent."

Mr. Martin said there was no social Tammany Hall club in his district, but that his brother Police Justice, "Barney" Martin, had a club in the Eighth District, of which he was leader. This was the Iroquois Club.

In the Thirteenth District, he said, there was the Pequod Club, over which Police Commissioner Sheehan presided. The witness thought that liquor was sold in this club, and that card-playing was frequently indulged in.

He didn't know whether any policemen were members of these clubs or not, but said that if they were he did not think it any harm.

"Tammany Hall holds you responsible for your district in election times, doesn't it?"

"Well, my district is a pretty hard one to hold any one responsible for."

"But you are expected to carry it, are you not?"

"Yes, we try to do the best we can."

The witness said he had recommended a good many men for appointment on the police force, and had also dismissed one or two of his own appointees.

He denied that he knew what policemen were to be appointed to serve at the polls on election day. These were all designated by the Superintendent.

Dr. Parkhurst Comes In.

During the examination Dr. Parkhurst and Charles S. Smith came in and listened with close attention to Commissioner Martin's testimony.

"As President of the Board, is not your appointing power greater than when you were only a Commissioner?"

"Not necessarily. I probably got five men appointed before I was President and about ten since."

The witness admitted that he thought it was a bad thing for members of the police force to belong to political clubs, and said that he had told Supt. Byrnes so. The latter had called his attention to the fact that a great many policemen were members of such clubs.

"What did you do about it?"

"I spoke to members of the Executive Committee of Tammany Hall about it and told them they ought to get rid of the policemen in their clubs."

"Did you do anything else?"

"No."

"You thought Tammany Hall exercised so much power that it could correct this abuse."

"Yes, I believe Tammany Hall has a great deal of influence in these clubs, and thought it should be used to increase the efficiency of the force."

Commissioner Martin explained that he didn ot think it wrong fo ra policeman to belong to a social club in the neighborhood where they lived, but he regarded it as demoralizing for men to run around and join a lot of clubs simply to secure advancement through political influence.

It was this abuse that he was opposed to, and it was such men that he asked the leaders to keep out of their district clubs.

Mr. Martin said that the number of men who had been appointed or promoted on the force in the five years that he had been Commissioner was about 300.

"Sixty a year would about cover it," he said.

Merit Counts—Sometimes.

"Mr. Martin, did you ever recommend the appointment, promotion or transfer of a policeman solely on his merit as an officer?"

"Yes, that always enters into the consideration."

"But solely on this ground?"

The witness mentioned two cases, Policemen John Ryan and Griffenbagen, who were promoted for merit.

"Then you can only name these two who were ever promoted except by political influence?"

"There may be a few others."

"Is merit ever considered in such cases?" asked Chairman Lexow.

"Yes, quite frequently."

Mr. Sutherland next tackled the witness on the subject of polling places, and asked if he had heard that police had thrown watchers out because the places were too small.

"Yes, I have heard it."

"Have you done anything to remedy the evil?"

"Yes, changes were made every year. When complaints were made. It is pretty hard work to get 1,200 or more polling places in this city. We have lots of trouble every year."

"Do you know whether any members of the police force are members of the Tammany Hall General Committee?"

"I do not know of a single one on the list."

"How many names are there on that list?"

"About 12,000 or 15,000."

This seemed to surprise Mr. Sutherland very much. Mr. Grasse explained to him some of the peculiarities of the Tammany Hall organization.

Mr. Martin said he had a private secretary, Patrick J. Ford, who got $1,700 a year. His duties were to attend to the clerical work of his office.

"Does he send out your political notices?"

"Yes."

"How often?"

"About once a month. There is more to do around election time."

Commissioner Martin admitted that the patrolman on duty at his office and at that of Commissioner McClave had been promoted by a special act of the Legislature, which removed certain disabilities. They were formerly doormen. Only three doormen in all had been promoted under this act, he said.

Policeman McGurrey, who was on duty at the witness's office, received visitors and carried messages, and his time was pretty well occupied, Mr. Martin said.

"Does he ever go on political errands for you?"

"Sometimes, but not very often."

Oh! Yes, He Knows Tekulsky.

The Commissioner said he knew Morris Tekulsky, and that the latter occasionally visited him. At the latter's request he had transferred four or five patrolmen.

Tekulsky had never given as a reason for asking these transfers that the patrolmen had interfered with liquor-dealers. In their conversations, the witness said, he had never talked with Tekulsky on the subject of the Excise law or its enforcement.

He denied that he had ever talked with any captain on the force on the subject of the Excise law.

Commissioner Martin was asked about the recent complaints against Capts. Price and Martens.

Don't you think that Capt. Price's offense in refusing to close a disorderly house when he had ample evidence was little short of a felony?"

"It was certainly a serious charge."

"What was his punishment by the Board?"

"Five days' pay, I believe."

Mr. Martin said in explanation of this that there was some doubt of Price's guilt, so they made the fine a light one.

At 1 P. M. the Committee adjourned till next Friday.

BEHRING SEA LEGISLATION.

Sir Charles Russell Withdraws His Bill for Modification.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 31.—As a result of a further exchange of views between London and Washington, the Attorney-General, Sir Charles Russell, has withdrawn the Behring Sea bill, providing for the enforcement of the award of the Board of Arbitration, which he recently introduced in the House of Commons, that it may be subjected to modification.

The bill will be reintroduced on Thursday next.

It is supposed that Sir Charles Russell's action is due to strong protests which have been received from Canada. Despatches from Victoria, B. C., say the sealers are indignant at the prospect of United States officers being empowered to seize their vessels. The sealers declare that this would entail their total ruin for the benefit of the American speculators and politicians.

SEAL POACHERS EXCITED.

British Legislation Aroused the Ire of Canadians.

(By Associated Press.)

VICTORIA, B. C., March 31.—This is the headquarters of the seal poachers, and they are greatly excited over the news of the action of the British Government in passing a bill authorizing seizure of British vessels in Behring Sea. The dealers are practically unanimous in declaring that putting in the regulations this year would be a gross injustice, as well as illegal.

Some think there might be redress in the court, under the circumstances, against the British authorities, who, they say, are only acting in the interests of capitalists and American politicians. The result will be the transfer of ships to some other flag not affected by arbitration.

It is understood that the Provincial Government, at the instance of local sealers, has wired the Dominion authorities to prevent Behring Sea regulations going into effect this season.

THREE MEN DIE BY FIRE.

Bostonians Perish in a Squantum Beach Cottage.

(By Associated Press.)

QUINCY, Mass., March 31.—Charles M. Driver, a well-known and retired business man of Boston, and two other men, were burned to death in bed this morning about 2 o'clock at the Sumner cottage at Squantum Beach, owned by Driver.

The other victims, besides Driver, were Cornelius G. Murphy, aged forty, and Timothy O'Meara, twenty-two years of age, both of Boston, and plumbers in the employ of John Killeen, of Roxbury. They had been at work in the house until late in the evening and decided to stay over night.

CALLED DEL SIGNORI NAMES.

Then the Sculptor Assaulted One of Three Women.

He Accused Them of Robbery and All Four Were Locked Up.

A young Italian sculptor and three young women were prisoners in Yorkville Court this morning. The sculptor was charged with assault, the girls with robbery.

At 4 o'clock this morning cries of "Murder!" and "Police!" wer heard at Sixty-fifth street and Columbus avenue.

Policeman Matthew Robertson, of the West Sixty-eighth street station, hurried to the scene and found three young women holding a little man who struggled for his liberty.

Robertson, after hearing the girls' story, placed the young man under arrest. On the way to the station-house the prisoner told Robertson that the girls had robbed him. Robertson then took the girls into custody also.

At the station-house the young man said he was Luigi Del Signori, twenty years old, a sculptor, with a studio at Thrty-sixth street and Fifth avenue.

The girls gave their names as Annie Davis, twenty-three; Maggie Lamberton, twenty-eight, and Effie Windfield, twenty-seven. Annie Davis acted as spokesman. She said that they all lived together at 269 West Thirty-ninth street.

"They called me names," said Del Signori, "and I wanted them to retract what they said."

The girls then told the Sergeant that Del Signori had hit Annie over the back with a cane.

"He hit me with such force that the cane broke in two," said Annie sobbing. "Poor thing," muttered her companions, as they also burst into tears.

The young women were then told that they were charged with robbing the man. When the Sergeant said these words, Annie lost her breath, Maggie almost fainted, and Effie made the room resound with her moans. The prisoners were then locked up for the night.

Al the prisoners were taken to the Yorkville Court this morning and arraigned before Justice Koch.

Del Signori's face was a mass of scratches, his clothes were torn and he was downhearted.

After hearing both sides of the story Justice Koch told the young women that they must not call anybody names and discharged them.

Del Signori was fined $5 for assault, which he paid.

SHOT BY A RIVAL LOVER.

Man Who Peeped Through a Window Is Taken for a Burglar.

(By Associated Press.)

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., March 31.—A shocking tragedy was enacted at the home of Adam Acker in North Woodbury township, this county, at a late hour last evening. Frank Kyler, a young farmer, was being entertained by Mr. Acker's daughter in the parlor of the house. They heard a noise outside, and when Mr Kyler threw open the front door he discovered a man peeping through the window into the parlor. At the advice of Miss Acker, who feared that a burglar was lurking around the house, he drew his revolver and shot at the supposed crook, the ball penetrating the side of the head.

Their dismay was great when they discovered that the wounded man was William Butler, an estimable young man and another lover of Miss Acker. Dr. Rogers says that Butler's wound is fatal. Kyler surrendered himself to a constable and was placed in jail here.

MRS. NOCKEL FROWS WORSE.

Her Husband Says His Mother-in-Law Caused the Trouble.

Adolph Nockel, of 129 East One Hundred and Ninth street, who was held without bail in Harlem Police Court yesterday on a charge of beating his wife, was to-day remanded until to-morrow. A certificate from the attending physician stated that Mrs. Nockel was growing worse, and was in a very critical condition.

Nockel says he is an agent for the Merchants' Union Despatch at 235 Broadway. He denies that he beat his wife as badly as is charged.

He said his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Grundice, whom he admits having driven out of his home, is the cause of all the trouble.

His father, he says, is a large wholesale dealer in dry goods, Leipsig, Germany, but disowned him because of his marriage to his present wife. He has been married only three months.

WANTS BALM FOR HER HEART

Mary Gotthelf Sues Harris Milkovsky for Breach of Promise.

Harris Milkovsky was arrested today by Deputy Sheriff Walgering on an order signed by Judge Fitzsimons, of the City Court, in an action begun by Mary Gotthelf to recover $5,000 for breach of promise.

Mary alleges that she became acquainted with the defendant on Feb. 2, 1893, and that during the following May they became engaged.

She swears that on Dec. 27 last she saw Harris and begged him to carry out his promise, and he refused, saying he was engaged to another woman.

Accused by His Daughter.

Jacob Friedler, fifty years old, janitor of the buildings 75 and 77 Nassau street, was held in $5,000 bail for trial in Tombs Police Court today charged with the most horrible crime of assaulting his own daughter, Lulu, thirteen years old.

FORTUNE TELLER IN COURT.

Arrested by a Policeman Who Visited Her in Disguise.

She Promised Him Luck in Money and Love Affairs.

Mrs. Emma Hart, aged sixty-five, and dressed in black, was arraigned in the Yorkville Police Court this morning charged with having violated the law by telling fortunes by cards. She said that she was a lacemaker until three years ago, but that affected her eyesight so much that she abandoned it and became a fortune-teller.

"I can read fortunes, Judge," she said. "I did not know it was a violation of the law to tell fortunes by cards. Judge, I am an old woman, let me go, and I will stop the business."

This fortune-teller had been arrested last night on a warrant by Policeman Miller, of the East Sixty-seventh street station. On Monday last Miller, attired in civilian clothes, paid her a visit, and in payment of $1 she divined his future by looking at his palms, and also told his fortune by cards. She informed him that he would be successful in money and love affairs.

Before leaving the house she said that she had a wonderful faculty of discovering the whereabouts of stolen property. Last night Miller, armed with a warrant, paid her a second visit, and pretended that he had been robbed of his gold watch and chain and $25 in cash.

After questioning him she said: "Wait a moment and you will see." She left the room and when she reappeared she had on a long, red robe, and in ghostly whispers declared: "You were drugged and the man who robbed you wore gray felt slippers, and he came from across the water."

Miller did not care to hear any more. He declared his identity, and when she saw that he was a policeman she became indignant, and at first refused to go with him.

When His Honor heard this story he said that it was a serious complaint. Mrs. Hart, with her hands clasped, pleaded piteously not to be sent to prison. The Judge paroled her until April 16.

BEAT HIS LITTLE SON.

Alleged Preacher Hopkins Held on a Charge of Cruelty.

William H. Hopkins, a negro from Canada, forty-eight years old, who claims to be a minister and a campaign speaker, was a prisoner at Jefferson Market Police Court to-day. He was charged by Agent Deubert, of the Children's Society, with having beaten his eleven-year-old son, Joseph Hopkins, about the head and shoulders with a bamboo walking-stick.

Hopkins's wife is in Canada, and he with his son occupied a hall bedroom at 131 West Twenty-sixth street. On various nights in the week Hopkins would bring home a friend, and all three would sleep in the little bed.

Tuesday night was one of these crowded nights. About 7.30 o'clock Thursday morning Hopkins told the boy to go to Twenty-eighth street and Seventh avenue and buy him ten cents' worth of whiskey.

When he came back Honkins charged him with going to a different saloon than the one he sent him to, and beat Willie severely.

Some one wrote an anonymous letter to the Gerry Society, and Agent Deubert found the facts narrated to be true. Justice Ryan held Hopkins for trial.

WERE NOT WEDDED HERE.

Why the Hamm-Atlee Marriage Certificate Was Not Filed.

A gentleman called on Dr. Nagle, Chief of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, this morning, and stated that the reported marriage of Courtland Hamm, of Philadelphia, and Miss Teressa Atlee, daughter of Mrs. John A. Buckley, of 442 East One Hundred and Sixteenth street, this city, did not take place in New York City, which accounts for no certificate having been filed.

The gentleman refused to give his name, but claimed to speak on authority.

STRUCK HIS MOTHER.

Repeated the Assault When a Policeman Was Called.

James McManus was held for trial at Jefferson Market Police Court to-day, charged by his widowed mother, Mary McManus, with having struck her. He pawned the family china, and when his mother pleaded with him last night he struck her.

Neighbors called in Policeman Perkins, and James struck his mother again before the policeman. He was drunk at the time.

MARRIED A LUNATIC.

Judge McAdam Gives Mrs. Ziegler a Decree of Divorce.

An order was granted by Judge McAdam this afternoon divorcing Carrie Ziegler from her husband, Mayer Ziegler, on the grounds of insanity.

The couple were married March 15, 1885, and Mrs. Ziegler alleges that her husband was insane at that time. He has been on Ward's Island for the past eight years.

STABLE WALLS ARE RISING.

Register Levy Among the Spectators of "Astor's Spite" Building.

Denial that the Millionaire Tried to Buy Synagogue Property.

Work on the Astor stable, on the corner of Sixty-fifth street and Madison avenue, went on steadily this morning. Members of the B'nai Jehurun synagogue, which adjoins the stable, looked on at the work and made audible comments.

Many were vigorous in their denunciation of what they termed "Mr Astor's spite."

Property-owners in the vicinity have all along been endeavoring to learn whether the report that Mr. Astor had tried to secure the synagogue property was true.

An "Evening World" reporter saw Secretary E. D. Young this morning and questioned him regarding the report. He said:

"There is absolutely no truth in that story. Mr. Astor never made an offer for this property, either directly or indirectly. If such an offer had been made I would have known about it."

Register Levy was an interested spectator of the stable building this morning. He had a friend, a man who is an expert in real estate values, with him. This gentleman, who refused to give his name, said:

"That lot is worth $65,000 if it is worth a penny. Now, if the property-owners about here were so anxious to preserve the value of their own property, why didn't they accept Mr. Astor's offer to sell at $75,000? Combined they could have lost but little on the speculation."

Register Levy is inclined to be philosophical over the matter, though he thought that it was hardly the thing to erect a stable alongside a place of worship.

Tax Commissioner Whalen said that if any applications had been received from property-owners in Sixty-fifth street and on Madison avenue looking towards a reduction of value they were on file and would not be considered until after May 1, at which time all such applications are considered. Then the matter would be investigated and property-owners given a hearing.

ALL READY FOR THE INQUEST.

Prosecutor Hartman Questions Witnesse in the Fuller Case.

All the details for the inquest over the body of Martha J. Fuller have been completed and at 11 o'clock Monday morning Coroner Edward T. Fitzpatrick and a jury will determine whether she committed suicide or was murdered.

Edward T. Magee, the young lawyer, who was in the office when Miss Fuller was killed by a bullet from his pistol, will be taken dwown from the Tombs to attend the inquest.

Dr. O'Sullivan, his counsel, called at the Coroners' office yesterday afternoon and secured a copy of the reports of the autopsy made by Coroners' Physicians Conway and O'Hare. Great stress will be brought to bear on the jury by the defense on the contradictory reports of the physicians.

Assistant District-Attorney Hartman will conduct the case for the prosecution, and District-Attorney Fellows is expected to be present to superintend the proceedings.

Mr. Hartman questioned a number of the People's witnesses in his private office this morning. He declined to state how many he would place on the witness stand before the Coroner.

FOR THE SICK BABY FUND.

A Reception and Entertainment Planned by Little Schoolgirls.

A reception and entertainment will be given April 22 at 412 Grand street in aid of "The Evening World" Sick Baby Fund. The managers of the affair are four little misses attending Grammar School 32 on Broome street, Ray Feinberg, of 160 Broome street; Bertha Levy, of 415 1-2 Grand street; Tillie Waldbogel, of 273 Delancey street, and Tillie Heller, of 415 1-2 Grand street.

Big-hearted Morris Levy, of 412 Grand street, has donated his hall for the occasion, and is having a stage put in and other alterations made.

The programme will comprise choice literary and musical selections, after which there will be dancing. The little managers having charge of the affair are working hard, and promise that nothing will be left undone to make it a success.

KEPT COLLECTED RENTS.

Cecil Leavitt Arrested on Landlord Cumming's Charge.

Cecil K. Leavitt was arrested to-day and held in $1,000 bail on complaint of Richard Cummings, owner of the property 301 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

Cummings alleges that on Jan. 1 last he employed Leavitt to look after the property mentioned and collect the rents.

He says that Leavitt has devoted to his own use $521.63 of the money collected.

IN A CAGE OF LIONS.

An Exciting Scene at the Circus Which Is a New Feature.

A young lady goes into a cage of lions at the circus and performs while the wild animals circle around. It is a daring feat Miss Meg Merrilles, of The Sunday World staff, helped the young woman in her act the other night. She will tell in The World to-morrow how it feels to be shut in with wild beasts in the presence of several thousand spectators.

THE LADY AND THE LION.

There is a charm about the circus ring that never wears off. However dangerous the feat, there is recompense in the applause of the multitude, especially in Madison Square Garden when the vast amphitheatre is packed from sawdust ring to roof. On Thursday night the crowd cheered the young woman in the lions' cage and made her feel very happy.

MRS. LEDERER WAS ON HAND.

Appears at Proceedings Brought Against Her Husband.

Testifies that She Invested Money with Canary & Lederer.

Mrs. George W. Lederer was examined in Part III. of the City Court this morning in the supplementary proceedings brought by Samuel Hamburger, of Philadelphia, against George W. Lederer on a judgment for $232.

Mrs. Lederer had rendered herself liable for contempt by not appearing at previous hearings in obedience to an order from the Court, and several days ago her husband appeared before Judge Fitzsimons and pleaded that she might not be punished for her negligence, as it had been enforced by ill-health. He said the supplementary proceedings did not involve her otherwise than as a witness.

Mrs. Lederer, an exceedingly pretty young woman, with dark gray eyes, shaded by long brown lashes, her plump figure neatly arrayed in a tight-fitting, dark-colored dress, seemed entirely recovered from the severe illness which caused her absence from the previous hearings.

Mrs. Lederer testified that the furniture in the apartments occupied by her and Mr. Lederer prior to September, 1893, belonged to her; that it had been given to her by her husband shortly after their marriage in January, 1891. The furniture had evidently been neglected of late, as Mrs. Lederer said some of it had been burned, some stolen and some remains in the apartments still occupied by her husband since their separation.

"Mrs. Lederer, did your husband give you an interest in any of his theatrical enterprises, or have you an interest in any of them?" she was asked.

"Yes."

"When did you acquire such interest?"

"I can't remember."

Mrs. Lederer stated that she entered into a co-partnership with Canary and Lederer, but denied that her husband had furnished the money for that purpose; neither had her husband assigned her any part of his interest in the partnership.

Mrs. Lederer could not swear that her husband had any interest with Mr. Canary prior to September, 1893.

"Mr. Lederer did not give me the money with which to go into business with Mr. Canary and I have not assigned nor given him any money or profits out of the partnership," said Mrs. Lederer.

She denied that she had made an assignment to Mr. Lederer's mother, and said that the last time her husband gave or assigned any property to her was in September last.

At this point the attorneys locked horns over an objection to a question designed to show that Mr. Lederer had received property from his wife since Nov. 3 of last year. There was no referee present, and about every fifteen minutes an adjournment was taken to Judge Fitzsimons's room to settle a point of law.

It finally developed that all Mrs. Lederer now has in return for the money invested with Canary & Lederer is an interest in the play "Incog." The hearing was adjourned.

CHECK GOT THEM IN TROUBLE

Police Think Two Men Under Arrest Were Working a Swindle.

Policeman Schultz, of the Oak street station, arraigned two men, who gave the names of Bob Brown, of 2031 Second avenue, and Fred Brown, who said he lived on Willoughby avenue, Brooklyn, in the Tombs Police Court this morning as suspicious characters.

They were arrested yesterday afternoon in front of the office of Jordan L. Mott, iron merchant, at 88 Beekman street. They had been into the office of Mott and solicited his advertisement for a programme for the reunion of the Journeymen Builders' Society No. 4. A "dummy" for the programme was shown him, but he refused to place an advertisement with them.

Brown then presented a check for $10, which was drawn to the order of William Miller and signed by James P. Ruhr & Co., builders. It was drawn on the Merchants Exchange National Bank.

Brown claimed the check had been given them by the building firm of John Bell & Son, whose offices are at the foot of East One Hundred and Eleventh street, for an advertisement in the programme. Bell & Son disclaim any knowledge of the affair.

The police believe the men to be working a swindling game, and at the request of Policeman Schultz the two men were remanded to allow the officer to look into the case.

ESCAPED BANDIT CAUGHT.

Man Who Broke Jail in Wyoming Arrested in Springfield.

(By Associated Press.)

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 31.—George C. Smith, thirty-eight years old, the chieftain of a gang of Western train robbers and a fugitive from justice in Wyoming, was arrested in this city yesterday by local officers at the home of his grandmother. Smith has been here about three weeks. He was recognized on the street by a former Wyoming deputy sheriff.

Smith, with his three pals, was arrested at Green River, Sweetwater County, Wyo., in February, 1891, by Sheriff Whitmore, charged with breaking into a car on the Union Pacific road and taking from it two barrels of whiskey, which the gang afterwards sold at Green River.

All four broke jail, but the other three were soon recaptured. Smith confesses his guilt, and says the jailer's wife released the gang from jail. His father, now a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., was formerly an Alderman of this city.

STOLE FROM J. G. BENNETT.

Two Alleged Thieves Caught While Removing the Plunder.

Joseph Higgins, twenty-two years old, and John L. Smith, twenty-four years old, both of 409 West One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, were held in $1,500 bail each in Harlem Police Court this morning on a charge of stealing a wagon and a set of harness from the stable of James Gordon Bennett at One Hundred and Eighty-fourth street and Fort Washington avenue, yesterday.

Edward Crowley, superintendent of Mr. Bennett's estate, was the complainant. Policeman McIvor, of the West One Hundred and Fifty-second street station, caught the men in the act of taking the property. Smith exonerated Higgins from all complicity in the theft. He said he had hired Higgins to help him move the property.

GONE AFTER CLARKE.

Detective Doran Starts for Chicago to Bring Him Back.

Detective Doran, of Inspector McLaughlin's staff, started for Chicago today to bring back Herman Clarke, of the suspended firm of Hunter, Clarke & Jacob. Clarke was arrested there yesterday.

He is under indictment in this city for forgery in the third degree in connection witht the transactions which brought about the failure of his firm.

Two New Cases of Small-Pox.

Two new cases of small-pox were reported at the Bureau of Contagious Diseases this morning. They were Angelo Ciemo, twenty-four years old, of 488 Pearl street, and John Philomena, four months old, of 154 Mott street. They were both taken to Riverside Hospital, North Brother Island.

DANA'S SUCCESSOR UNNAMED.

Mayor Gilroy Won't Discuss the Commissioner's Resignation.

Mr. Straus Defends the Action of the Board Yesterday.

Mayor Gilroy said this morning that he had not yet decided upon a successor to Paul Dana, whose resignation as a Park Commissioner he received and accepted late yesterday afternoon.

"I do not see any necessity for my making any comment on Mr. Dana's resignation," he added, "and I have nothing to say as to whether the Commissioners did or did not violate the law yesterday in accepting a bid for the speedway construction."

In his letter to Mayor Gilroy ex-Commissioner Dana states that his resignation is the effect of violation of the law by the Commissioners, despite his protest. He concluded his communication as follows:

"The persistence of the Park Board in designing the driveway on their own responsibility without the usual professional advice is bound to subject the city to discredit and damage both, and likewise to deprive the public on foot of the full benefits to which they are entitled. But at the meeting of the Board this morning it appeared that the bids for completing the second section of the driveway were based upon the plan directly violating the law of the State.

"The law provides that the sidewalks on either side for the accommodation of pedestrians should nowhere be less than ten feet. By the plan of work completed for the bidders this morning the sidewalk is completely abandoned at one point on the more important side of the roadway—the river side—although at that point the law might have been complied with and the roadway proper still remain ten feet wide, under the law as originally approved and passed.

"My private affairs make it impossible for me, in addition to the ordinary labors of a Park Commissioner, to perform the duties devolving upon a member of a Board thus ready to violate the established laws of park management, and even the laws of the State; and as the most emphatic protest now available against such practices I respectfully resign my office."

Park Commissioner Straus said to an "Evening World" reporter this morning:

"Now that Mr. Dana is an ex-Commissioner I would prefer not to discuss his actions while a member of the Park Board. However, as he has seen fit to accuse the Commissioners of violating the law, I must deny the accusation. He is wrong. We have not violated the law.

"Very possibly Mr. Dana was only looking for a peg on which to hang his resignation, and selected our acceptance of bids for the speedway construction, because there was none other available. As Park Commissioners we are allowed to use at least some common sense as to what is most for the benefit of the public. It is true that the law provides for a 100-foot width of driveway, and the plans are made so. But when the driveway passes under a bridge, where only sixty feet of space is to be had from pillar to pillar, what can we do? Remove the bridge? Or, what is plainly the only alternative, reduce, for the width of the bridge, the width of the driveway?

"That is what the Commissioners decided to do, and in order to allow some fair space for the vehicles under the bridge, the sidewalks, like the driveway, had to be narrowed. From ten feet the sidewalks under the bridge have been narrowed to five feet each, thus leaving fifty feet for the carriages. Elsewhere the carriages have eighty feet of road width to drive under.

"I believe, in thus expressing myself, that I voice the sentiments of the other members of the Board, Messrs. Tappen and Clausen."

President A. B. Tappen, of the Park Board, did not come down to his office to-day from his Fordham residence. Commissioner Clausen was not downtown to-day, either.

SAGE WILL APPEAL.

The Multi-Millionaire Seems Disturbed by the $25,000 Verdict.

It may have been the verdict of $25,000 rendered against him and in favor of W. R. Laidlaw yesterday that made Russell Sage appear so nervous this morning. He reached his office at 71 Broadway half an hour earlier than usual and neglected to say even "Good-morning" when he entered.

His countenance was chiefly distinguished by a tired look, and after looking at the ticker he gave a few instructions to one of his employees and then left the office. To an "Evening World" reporter he remarked when asked how he felt about the verdict:

"I have nothing to say. Go and see my counsel. It's a great injustice; there's nothing fair about it; the verdict will certainly be reversed by a higher court. I don't want to talk; that's all. Good-day."

Mr. Sage's lawyer, Col. E. C. James, says an appeal will be taken.

VERY LOW DEATH RATE.

Remarkable Decrease Reported by the Health Board.

The mortality record for the weeke ending at noon to-day, as reported at the Health Department, shows there were 821 deaths in this city, 52 less than last week, and 131 less than the average number for the last five years.

Dr. Nagle, Chief of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, says this is a very satisfactory record for the last week of March. This month is usually noted for having an increased death rate.

WAITE RAMPANT AGAIN.

Said to Be No Doubt that He Will Call Out Troops.

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Col., March 31.—News leaked out here last night which leaves no doubt that Gov. Waite is preparing to call out the troops again to enforce his order removing Police Commissioners Orr and Martin.

Bicycle Rider Wins a Suit.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, March 31.—Justice Wheeler holds that a bicycle rider has as much right of way on public streets as the driver of any vehicle. P. G. Nelson sued the owners of a truck which ran into him while he was riding his bicycle, and has gained a judgment for $50 and costs.

Mexico Will Get a Revolutionist.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 31.—The United States has granted the demand of the Mexican Government for the extradition of Cicelo Eshaverra, one of the leaders of the Gracia revolution. He participated in the San Ignacio massacre in which a number of Mexican soldiers were killed and then cremated.

Death of Ex-Policeman Gilroy.

Michael Gilroy, an ex-policeman, of 165 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street, died of apoplexy on Thursday last. He was formerly attached to the Sixth and Fourteenth Precincts. Gilroy will be buried from his late home tomorrow afternoon.

Carlisle Off for Washington.

Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, who has been in this city for several days, left here at 10 o'clock this morning for Washington.

Henry Leitz Found Dead.

Henry Leitz, a compositor, sixty-six years old, was found dead in bed at his home, 55 Avenue A, this morning.

Spring Medicine

If you have not "wintered well," take | If you are tired, weak, nervous, or discouraged, take | If your Blood is Thin, Scant, or Impure, take

Hood's Sarsaparilla

It expels all humors and germs of disease and | It creates an appetite, gives nerve strength, and | It Makes the Weak Strong, aids Digestion,

Purifies the Blood

Do not be induced to buy any other. Be sure to get

Hood's and Only Hood's

What Causes Pimples?

Clogging of the pores or mouths of the sebaceous glands with sebum or oily matter.

The plug of sebum in the centre of the pimple is called a blackhead, grub or comedone.

Nature will not allow the clogging of the pores to continue long, hence,

Inflammation, pain, swelling and redness, later pus or matter forms, breaks or is opened, the plug comes out and the pore is once more free.

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The only reliable preventive and cure, when not due to a constitutional humor, is

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It contains a mild proportion of CUTICURA, the great Skin Cure, which enables it to dissolve the sebaceous or oily matter as it forms at the mouths of the pores.

It stimulates the sluggish glands and tubes to healthy activity, reduces inflammation, soothes and heals irritated and roughened surfaces and restores the skin to its original purity.

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DIED.

MURRAY.—After a short illness on Friday, March 30, THOMAS F. MURRAY, in the 72d year of his age.

Funeral services on Sunday at 5.30 P. M., at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Webster, 2637 Atlantic ave., Brooklyn. Interment at convenience of the family.

LOCUSTS DUE IN JUNE.

Specimens of the Seventeen Year Variety Dug Up at Nyack.

(By Associated Press.)

NYACK, N. Y., March 31.—Digging, and in some instances even ploughing, reveals the presence of thousands of seventeen-year locusts as grubs, evidently getting ready for their first appearance hereabouts since 1877. They are likely to reach the surface in June. They are now found at an average depth of four feet, although a number have been found two feet deeper.

This parasite is one of the most dreaded visitors on a farm, but despite a wholesale slaughter of the grubs the army of periodical depredators is likely to be unusually large this year.

DID HE STEAL THE BLANKET?

Smith Cut the Initials "W. S. & P. C. Co." Out and Tried to Sell It.

Detective Sloan, of the Mulberry street station, arrested Edward Smith, of 157 Cherry street, this morning while trying to sell a horse blanket on Broome street, near Broadway.

The man with whom Smith tried to do business would not buy the blanket because the initials "W. S. & P. C. Co." were worked on it.

Smith took the blanket away and in about twenty minutes he returned with the thread of the initials cut out.

Detective Sloan had